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### Council On Aging Honors Members



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM COUNCIL ON AGING** recently unveiled Memorial Plaques to honor contributors to the COA's Memorial Fund. **PICTURED AT THE CEREMONY** (top photo) Leo DeLucchi, Mike DeLucchi, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Edie McLean, Marianne Stokowski, Ann O'Connell, Rose Baevich, and Agnes DeLucchi and Joe Depalo (holding the plaques). **PHOTO BELOW**, pictured are Mayor Johnson, Helen Flaws, Lee Petty, and Richard Mundo (executive director of Senior Center). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



### Rep. Walsh Pushing For Full Funding Of Local Aid

Calling it a "preemptive measure designed to maintain the financial integrity of municipal budgets throughout the Commonwealth," State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) has supported an effort in the Massachusetts House to fully fund the account from which local aid payments are made to Agawam and the state's 350 other communities.

Because the Weld Administration has underfunded the local aid account by \$41 million, payments owed to cities and towns could be delayed indefinitely, thereby threatening the timely offering of local services and programs.

"The local aid shortfall could be catastrophic to municipalities heavily dependent upon local aid to pay for town services. Given that a good portion of Agawam's expenses are paid for by local aid, it is easy to see how the temporary loss of this state funding could negatively impact the town's ability to operate.

"Recognizing this, we in the House have taken action to resolve the underfunding problem before the payments are held up," stated Walsh.

Recently, the House gave its approval to legislation calling for, among other items, the expenditure of \$41 million to fully cover the amount of local aid promised for this fiscal year to cities and towns last March.

### Ordinance Committee Has Info Meeting On Backflow Devices

Councillor Joanne H. Willis, Chairperson of the Ordinance Committee of the Agawam Town Council, has announced that the committee is sponsoring an informational meeting for the Council to review the Backflow and Cross-Connection Regulations of the Town Code.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Junior High School cafeteria, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The purpose of this meeting is to afford the newer members of the Town Council the opportunity to satisfy questions and concerns relating to the regulations. The Town Council began reviewing the current ordinance, passed in 1988, after hearing complaints from several local businesses.

At present, the Council is scheduled to consider an amendment to the ordinance for the third reading at its April 6th regular meeting. This amendment would reduce the current fee of \$50 per test, per device to \$15 per test, per device.

Members of the Department of Public Works, the Building Department, and the Health Department have been asked to attend the meeting to answer questions from councillors.

Although this meeting is not a public hearing, time will be set aside for the committee to take comments from the public. Written comments may be submitted to the Ordinance Committee, Agawam Town Council, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.



**Agawam Crime Prevention...****Trend In Drug Abuse Shows  
There's Hope For The Future****by Detective Wayne Macey  
Agawam Police Department**

A recent survey taken by the National Institute on Drug Abuse has reported that there has been a steady overall decline in drug use among seniors and young adults from 1989 to the present.

According to Lloyd D. Johnson of the University of Michigan, "the likelihood of a young person in high school or college today actively using drugs is only about half of what it was a decade ago."

Reaching a peak in 1982 at about 64.4%, abuse has continued to decline to its present status of 50.9% of seniors surveyed. During the one-year period from 1988 to 1989, we experienced an overall 3% decrease.

Although the change is gradual, and we would all prefer quicker change, we cannot lessen our efforts toward this end. The elimination of drugs in our society is now and always has been essentially an educational task.

There is not yet cause for celebration, as none of us can really take heart in the fact that better than half of our high school seniors have tried an illicit drug.

We can, however, take pride in the knowledge that there is concrete evidence demonstrating a pattern of decline which will hopefully continue. In addition to the fact that drugs are currently the absolute best advertisement against themselves, we can also be assured that we are indeed doing something right.

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The following statistics illustrate patterns of abuse involving specific kinds of drugs.

**COCAINE:** Use among seniors went from 6.2% in 1986 to 2.8% in 1989.

**CRACK:** Proportion having used crack at all fell from 5.4% in 1987 to 3.1% in 1989. Declines were

also seen in graduates, college students, and adults ages 18 to 25.

**AMPHETAMINES:** Peaking at 12% in 1980, a decline to 4% has been experienced in 1989. Use of crystal methamphetamine shows limited levels of use in 1989. Crystal Meth, also known as "Ice," is relatively new on the market and more data is on the way.

**INHALENTS:** Although not high, there has been no appreciable decrease in abuse. 1988 showed 6.5% abuse overall, while 1989 showed a small decline to 5.9%. These included high school seniors who had used at least once in the previous year.

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The reduced demand we are experiencing is due largely to important changes occurring in attitudes, beliefs, and social norms, especially in our young.

While supply is up and prices are on the decline, it is comforting to know we are making headway in the demand department. Although there is improvement in the illicit drug demand, there has been virtually no change in use of alcohol or tobacco.

Also known as the "Gateway Drugs," booze and cigarettes remain, cheap, available, and acceptable. Until we can curb use and abuse of these substances, the ultimate victory will remain just beyond our grasp.

The D.A.R.E. program will focus the majority of its attention on alcohol and tobacco, but without reinforcement at home and throughout the area media, our efforts will meet with marginal success at best.

**Fire-Wise****by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks****Matches And Cigarette  
Lighters Are For Adults**

Small children are naturally curious about fire. Matches and cigarette lighters left within reach are often too much of a temptation for a child to resist.

Teach children that matches are a tool, to be used only by adults or under adult supervision. Store matches out of sight and out of children's reach.

For additional information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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**First Aid For Burns**

The actions you take in the minutes immediately following a burn injury could literally mean the difference in life and death.

The Agawam Fire Department says that the best first aid is to cool the burn with water, cover with a clean cloth, and get medical attention at once.

Never use greasy or oily products - no creams, ointments or butter; they hold the heat. And don't use ice.

Take burns seriously; the complications can be fatal.

**Councilor Willis Has  
Office Hours Slated**

Town Councilor Joanne H. Willis will hold her monthly office hours at the Agawam Senior Center, 57 Wright Street, on Friday, March 27th, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Councilor Willis will be available to listen to constituent concerns. All residents are invited to attend.

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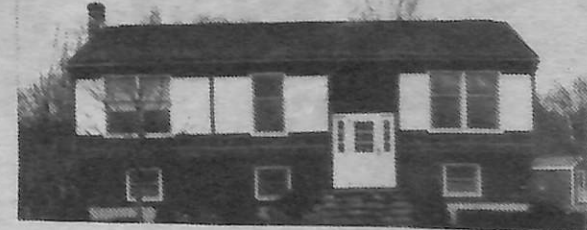
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## Letters To The Editor

### Agawam Library Indeed One Of Town's Best Resources

#### To The Editor:

In response to the Agawam resident who is upset by the absence of the "Good Old Days" at our public library and appalled by what she saw two Saturdays ago, let me offer my opinion in support of the Agawam Public Library as one who is a constant user of it.

Firstly, anywhere you go on Saturdays will be more crowded than weekdays; the library is no exception. Furthermore, it is annoying waiting in line, whether it be at the supermarket, the drugstore, the doctor's office, or the library.

But isn't it encouraging to see so many parents and children at the library in general? Doesn't this in itself speak of a community using the resources available to them?

Secondly, why would anyone be appalled at what they saw at the library, unless they themselves haven't visited there for many, many months. Audio and video cassettes have been available for a few years now.

Thirdly, to suggest that the library only make educational videos available is like suggesting that the library only offer educational books.

Yes, the library's primary reason is to lend books. But, primary is the key word, not sole as was suggested.

In fact, *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary* defines the word "library" as "a place in which literary, musical, artistic, or reference materials (as books, manuscripts, recordings, or films) are kept for use but, not for sale."

Unlike the "Good Ole Days," we can go to the library and not only borrow a book, but we can take out records, CDs, video and audio cassettes, magazines, puzzles and puppets for our children, and even art prints to display in our homes.

We have access to an up-to-date computer, typewriter, and copying machine. We are invited to attend lecture series on various current topics, and we can enroll our children in any one of the many programs the library has to offer them.

If I sound like a library fanatic, I am. This wonderful place has afforded my family and I many happy hours of enjoyment, as well as helping to further our knowledge.

I have always found the staff at the Agawam Public Library to be courteous, helpful, and efficient, despite the fact that they are sometimes shorthanded.

I do, however, agree that the suggestion of "having a checkout line for people still interested in borrowing books" is worth looking into.

Would Ms. Markham be interested in volunteering for the job?

Respectfully,  
Nancy Liddell Bulmer  
Feeding Hills

### Hampden County Inmates Won't Be Farming In Town

#### To The Editor:

Dear Mayor Johnson:

I am writing to officially inform you that the Hampden County Sheriff's Department will not have a crew of inmates working on the jail farm land on River Road during the 1992 growing season.

The logistics of our transition to our new facility will require a great deal of our energies and we have determined that our jail farm operation would exacerbate this strain on our staff resources.

We will, however, again make ½ acre of the jail farm land available as a community garden for seniors from the Agawam Senior Center. We consider the senior citizens garden an outstanding example of community corrections and will do all in our power to keep it operating as long as possible.

Representatives of the Senior Garden group are asked to contact Deputy Superintendent Nicholas Fiorentino at 781-1560, ext. 227 to work out particulars regarding the Senior Garden.

I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Town of Agawam, its public servants and citizenry, for their great cooperation during the years we had inmates growing vegetables at the farm. Our farm operation has been a model of a correctional operation being accepted by and supported by a community. Agawam is to be commended for its enlightened acceptance of the good works of the jail farm over the years.

Sincerely,  
Michael J. Ashe, Jr.  
Sheriff

### Resident Raises Question About Town's New Image

#### To The Editor:

The new image of Agawam?

In November of 1991 I submitted an application for the position of Inspector of weights and measures for the Town of Agawam.

In my investigation of this position I was told that my efforts would be fruitless as someone had been selected for the position and I was told his name and where he lived.

On my application I stated that I had 15½ years experience in weights and measures in the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York. My experience was in retail, commercial, and industrial applications.

I received a letter dated November 18th, 1991 from the personnel officer at Town Hall that the town had made a determination to reevaluate the position before proceeding further in the selection of someone. In this letter it said the personnel officer would contact me again concerning my interest.

Months later (not having been contacted), I made a personal visit to Town Hall on February 25th. I was told they were not familiar with my application. I was informed that only state and community inspectors with previous service would only be considered for the position.

I was also informed that it was a civil service position and I was welcome to compete in this civil service test at a future date. I was further informed that the town would hire on a provisional basis until tests were compiled. It was decided that someone with state or community experience would not have to go through a break-in period.

In "The Springfield Union News" on March

14th, Mayor Johnson announced the name of the new sealer of weights and measures after a statewide survey of how other communities handle the position. The gentleman named to the position was the same one that was mentioned way back in November 1991.

Does Mayor Johnson expect to change the image of Agawam when he continues to appoint non-residents and be led by other forces? The Founding Fathers of this town would not be filled with joy on some of the recent decisions in this town.

Sincerely,  
Dan Courtney,  
Feeding Hills

### Many Accomplishments In Music By Agawam Students

#### To The Editor:

I had the opportunity of attending a portion of the Massachusetts Music Educators All State Conference in Waltham during the past weekend, and had another opportunity to experience great pride and pleasure in observing the accomplishments and dedication of our Agawam music students and their talented and dedicated teachers.

To mention a few of the highlights I was able to take in, it was most gratifying to learn that Susan Brown from the Junior High staff was one of a few teachers from throughout the state who are selected each year to receive the Lowell Mason Award for their outstanding contributions to music education.

Susan is a local talent, and I was lucky enough to have her take an active part in our high school music program, including the Band, the Musicals, and all of the Chorus Groups that were under the direction of Mrs. Mary Callahan when Susan was in high school.

(Mary, of course, was also another product of our little town; an outstanding talent and teacher who gave much back to her home community in the years of teaching here after getting her degree in music.)

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sponsored By  
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Friday & Saturday,  
March 27th & 28th; April 3rd & 4th  
Agawam Repertory Theatre presents  
the comedy "Move Over Mrs. Markham"  
At Valley Community Church, F.H.  
Curtain time is 8:00 p.m.  
(There is also a Thursday, April 2nd  
performance, also starting at 8:00 p.m.)  
Call 789-9687

Saturday, March 28th  
Performance of "Emperor's New Clothes"  
by Magpie Puppet Theatre (for ages 3 & up)  
Ag. Public Library, 11 a.m. to 12 noon  
Call 789-1550 ahead of time to reserve seats

Saturday, March 28th  
5th Annual Cub Scout Dance  
Held by Cub Scout Pack No. 75  
(sponsored by Sacred Heart Church, F.H.)  
At Springfield Turnverein, Garden St., F.H.  
8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight  
Call 786-2309 for more information

Wednesday, April 1st  
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## LETTERS - from Page 4...

Susan has been a music teacher and Chorus Director at the Junior High for a number of years, and is presently the Vice-President of the Western District of Mass. Music Educators, which means she will move into the President's position in a couple of years when Tamara Watson, also of our own Junior High staff, leaves that position.

And speaking of Tammy, I was extremely proud to hear the Low Brass Ensemble composed of students from the Middle School and the Junior High, and directed by Ken Longstreeth and Tammy.

Ken started these youngsters out on their musical instruments at the Middle School, and they were impressive performing for a half hour in the lobby of the Vista International Hotel where the Conference was taking place.

I must not leave out mentioning Scott Thomson, who I feel continues to keep our fine Band Program at the Senior High doing so well (another win at the Quincy Parade—does that make it six or seven years in a row, now?—and four-star ratings at the Marching Band Festivals); and also spending a lot of time as Music Department Head and an important position as a State Officer of MICA, the Instrumental Directors Group.

Jeanne Trinke from the Junior High music staff is also on the Western District officers board, and these positions on the District and State organizations require extensive time, travel, and dedication.

I find it amazing that so many of our Agawam people have held and are holding these positions, and it is also an honor to be chosen to be in these demanding places. It also shows what other music educators from throughout the State think of our Agawam program and its teachers.

I have only touched upon a few highlights that came to mind over the weekend, and I am sure a picture or two and some further detail on a few of the above items might be enjoyable for our townspeople to hear about and have good feelings about.

Darcy Davis  
Agawam

## AHS Wrestling Coach Receives Words Of Praise

### To The Editor:

My wife and I recently attended the Agawam Wrestling Banquet. We listened with interest and

pride as all speakers praised and complimented the team and coaches.

However, when the head coach—Phil Tomkiele—spoke, I wanted all of Agawam to hear his words of praise and caring for his charges. One statement in particular stays with me, when he said, "We hug our boys after each match, regardless of a win or loss."

Thank you, Phil.

Sincerely,  
Matt & Lori Blackak  
Agawam

## Walsh Says Care At Home Receives Boost

Jubilantly calling it the "best news home care has heard in a long time," State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) was pleased with the 18-member panel that turned down a recommendation to force the consolidation of the state's 27 home care corporations into 20.

Walsh, who called the plan offered by Governor William Weld's administration as "inadequate to meet the needs of our elder population," noted the decision means home care delivery will continue (uninterrupted).

"The panel's review confirms what I have said all along about our system of home care - if it's not broken, don't fix it."

"Home care has weathered the storm of budget cuts and continues to provide top services to senior citizens in need. To change the delivery of service, just for the sake of shaking things up, made no sense and could have caused our elders undo heartache," said Walsh.

### Defeat The Proposal

Now that they have succeeded in getting the panel to defeat the consolidation proposal, Walsh and his colleagues will be concentrating on ways of expanding service delivery in the areas of home care and other elder services.

"We have several bills in the early stages of review at the State House to enhance the programs our seniors are offered. Along with upcoming budget debates, we will focus on these pieces of legislation for adoption," Walsh noted.

"Our seniors have given so much to us over the years, so we owe it to them to be as aggressive as possible on supporting the services they need to enjoy life to its fullest," concluded Walsh.

## Melconian Expanding District Office Hours

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announced in her recent March issue of the *Melconian Message* that she has expanded District Office hours to accommodate the increased telephone calls, letters, and personal visits from her District constituents.

The District Office, located at 375 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The new expanded hours include one weeknight, Thursday (until 7:00 p.m.), and Saturday morning (10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon).

The doors to both the District and Boston offices are open to all, and the staff is always ready to assist constituents with their questions, concerns, and problems.

The *Melconian Message* is available through the District Office upon request. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide Senator Melconian's constituents with an overview of some of the major issues and activities that Senator Melconian has initiated on behalf of the First Hampden District in the State Legislature.

## Agawam Inaugural Celebration To Air On Cable TV

The 1992 Agawam Inaugural Celebration will air on Cable TV Access Channel 32 on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Continental Cablevision will rebroadcast a videotape presentation of the January 3rd Agawam Inaugural Celebration held at Chez Josef, featuring the swearing-in of Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Town Council members, and School Committee members.

The program includes Paul Sutton of Agawam, the master of ceremonies; a mock swearing-in ceremony; and brief remarks from State Representative Michael P. Walsh and Mayor Johnson.

The Inaugural Celebration was organized by Agawam Inaugural Committee members David Clouse, Joann McGeoghan, and Maria Sutton. The video was produced by Agawam Public Access volunteers Bob Newman and John Balboni, along with Continental Cablevision.

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## Try Our Weekend Specials

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Chicken Amaratto

Pork Piccata

Baked Seafood Combo

Mussels And Clams Over Linguine  
Chicken And Broccoli Francese



## State Treasurer's Office Releases List Of Money Owed To Local Residents

State Treasurer Joe Malone recently released the names of over 31,000 individuals and businesses that are due more than \$50 million from abandoned accounts.

Under the State's Unclaimed Money Law, bank accounts, insurance proceeds, payroll checks, stock certificates and the like that have been inactive for at least five years are deemed abandoned. All such accounts must be reported to the Treasury, which then attempts to notify the rightful owners or legal heirs.

"Currently, there are over \$50 million in unclaimed accounts. We will make every effort, using every means at our disposal, to make sure that this money is returned. This money belongs to these people and I want them to have it," said Malone.

The Treasurer noted one important aspect of the Unclaimed Money Law which requires that until claimed, all funds are kept in the State's General Fund where they are invested for the benefit of all residents and taxpayers here in Massachusetts.

The local list includes:

Allsop, Allen; Baker, Nina; McGulre, Dorothy; Barker, Scott; Barker, Marla; Baybank Valley & Beattie, Zama; Bishop or Alan E.; Bishop, Roy E.; Blaisdale, James; Block, Ruth; Cahill Tr Jeudy; Cahill A Minor Maura; Candy, Candido J.; Caroleo, Diane, M.; Chavour, Rodney; Cislo, Stanley; Classical Class of 52; Collins, James P.; Comm For 4th July Cele; Conniff, Joseph E.; Curran, John P.

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## Agawam Police Dept. Arrest Blotter For March 14th-20th

On March 14th, Darren Brown, 97 Channel Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with using a motor vehicle without authority. Arresting officers were Paul Murphy and Jim Donovan.

On March 14th, Pamela J. Ricko, 13 Prospect Street, Ware, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Richard Niles, Ben Moore, Mike Gruska, and Steve Grasso.

On March 14th, Gregory L. Brantley, 174 King Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property under \$250 and operating after suspension. Arresting officer was Mike Gruska.

On March 15th, Steven Barnes, 26 Franklin Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving with an expired license. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Joe Dymon.

On March 17th, Donna M. Murphy, 125 Penrose Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Walter Letellier and Detective Dan Ciak.

On March 17th, Donald E. Vogel, 21 Healey Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Granby Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Sergeant Don Loncto and Karen Langevin.

On March 17th, Mark Martin, 98 Valentine Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a minor transporting alcohol. Arresting officer was Richard Niles.

On March 17th, Robert K. Higgins, 84 Clover Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien and Richard Niles.

On March 18th, Terry S. Murphy, 320 Regency Park Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving after suspension and driving an unregistered motor vehicle. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Mark Ceccarini.

On March 19th, Eric D. Wheelock, 453 Cold Springs Avenue, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving without a license, unregistered, uninsured, and attaching plates. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Sergeant William Silech.

On March 19th, Dana J. Palmer, of no known address, was arrested and charged with assault & battery by means of a dangerous weapon, two counts of assault & battery on a police officer, being a disorderly person, and operating after suspension. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Steve Grasso.

On March 20th, Ronald King, Jr., 646 Main Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Richard Niles.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam, THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1992 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of MR. LEON DUQUETTE who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B-2 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow for the construction of an addition at the premises identified as 811 SILVER STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,  
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

Published: March 26, 1992

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#### NOTICE OF CAR AUCTION SLIECH AUTO BODY

700 SPRINGFIELD STREET, Feeding Hills, MA  
Silech Auto Body, located at 700 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA will hold a public auction on its premises on Monday, April 13, 1992 at 10:00 a.m., for the purpose of selling a 1986 Honda Civic, two-door car.

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# Agawam Obituaries

## We'll Miss You, Betty Bottaro

### Elizabeth E. Fett

Elizabeth E. (Bailey) Fett, 74, of 95 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, died in Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Feeding Hills for 12 years. Her husband, Frederick Fett, died in 1963.

She leaves three daughters, Sandra J. Wise and Shirley LaMountain, both of Feeding Hills, and Betty Jane Owen of Newport, Rhode Island; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral and burial was held at the convenience of the family. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 33 Fourth Avenue, Needham, MA, 02194, or the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA, 01040.

### Brenda J. Wolf

Brenda J. (Murry) Wolf, 43, of 156 Suffield Street, Agawam, a clerk at the Postal Service's Bulk Mail Center in Indian Orchard, died in Holyoke Hospital.

Born in Columbus, Georgia, she later moved to Springfield and was a 1966 graduate of the High School of Commerce.

She lived in Easthampton, and moved to Agawam last November.

She leaves two sons, Richard D. DeSimone, Jr. of Agawam and David A. DeSimone of Feeding Hills; two brothers, John of Newport, Vermont, and Michael of Springfield; three sisters, Laura Malfino of Ludlow, Joyce Farmer of Lowell, and Susan Murry of Huntington; her father, Derwood W. Murry of Agawam; and a friend, Augie Gamelli of Agawam.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and St. John the Evangelist Church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 33 Fourth Avenue, Needham, MA, 02194.



THE ADVERTISER NEWS was saddened when we learned on Monday morning, March 2nd, of the sudden death of Betty Bottaro, owner of Betty's in the Patch Restaurant on Moore Street, North Agawam. Betty, we thank you for the many wonderful meals, your wisdom, your youthful enthusiasm and hospitality, and for your many kind words about our newspaper for the past 13 years. We will miss you very much.

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## Obituaries - continued...

## Antonlo Mercadante

Antonio Mercadante, 82, of 15 Agnoli Place, Feeding Hills, a retired 10-year employee in the maintenance department at the YWCA, died recently in Westfield's Noble Hospital.

He worked previously for 30 years at Blaire Manufacturing Co. in Springfield. Born in Templeton, Pennsylvania, he lived in the Agawam area for 60 years.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, and a member of the Victor Emmanuel Society.

He leaves his wife of 54 years, the former Elvira Christopher; a son, Alphonse A. of Feeding Hills; four daughters, Louise A. Moran of Westfield, Marie A. Jordan and Annette V. Minette of West Springfield, and Sylvia J. Deroy of Chicopee; two sisters, Silvia DePalma of Agawam and Irma DePalma of Italy; eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.



**CORRECTION:** Last week we incorrectly identified "Little David" as David Sullivan in a memorial tribute. We apologize for the error.

## F.H. Cemetery Comm. Asks Removal Of Decorations

The Feeding Hills Cemetery Trustees request that all winter decorations be removed in the Springfield Street Cemetery by April 1st, 1992.

After that date, the Spring Cleanup Crew will remove any still remaining.

## Residents File Suit Against Agawam For Keeping Dog Licenses At Police Station

Twelve town residents, including three former members of Town Council and one current member, have joined in a citizen's suit against the Town of Agawam concerning dog licenses being issued at the Agawam Police Station.

The suit, filed in Hampden Superior Court on Monday by Attorney Michael P. Curran of Canton, Mass., charges that the executive order by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson that designates the Dog Officer's office as an auxiliary office of the Town Clerk's office (for the purpose of issuing dog licenses) is a violation of the Town Charter.

The current councilor who joined the suit is Edward A. Caba of 198 Walnut Street, Agawam. The former councilors include Peter Longo of 236 Adams Street, Colleen D. Dupee, 115 Campbell Drive, and Valentine R. Moreno, 15 Florida Drive.

The remaining eight residents who have joined the citizen's suit are Leo J. Vergnani, 4 Liquori Drive; Daniel F. Sullivan, 114 Florida Drive; Angelo J. Stramiglia, 53 Campbell Drive; Gloria Stramiglia, 53 Campbell Drive; Walter A. Melssner, 53 Campbell Drive; Harold Guidi, 189 Springfield Street; Dermot J. Desmond, 414 South Westfield Street; and Mary Dee Desmond, 414 South Westfield Street.

Johnson's executive order gave Dog Officer Robert Burke the authority to issue dog licenses at the Agawam Police Station, instead of the Town Clerk's Office.

The suit charges that the Town Charter provides a method for the reorganization and organization of town agencies and this method was not followed by the Mayor. The suit says that "Section 96-3 B of the Code of the Town of Agawam provides for the registering, numbering,

describing, and licensing of dogs, if kept in said town, shall be conducted in the office of the Town Clerk of said town."

The suit asks the court to make the determination that Johnson's executive order is null and void and that the Mayor acted "unilaterally and without the consent of the Town Council." The suit asks that the court make a binding determination of the "rights of the Town Council to participate in reorganization plans promulgated by the Mayor."

Longo, a former councilor, had appeared before Town Council last fall to state many of the above criticisms of the Mayor's executive order, noting that the dog officer is an enforcer of the laws pertaining to animal control and operates under the jurisdiction of the Agawam Police Department.

"Neither he (dog officer) nor the Police Department and its personnel have the authority by law to collect funds or issue licenses. This is the sole function of the Town Clerk's office and its personnel. If the Mayor wishes to have an auxiliary office, then it should be staffed by Town Clerk personnel and included in its budget, not under the police budget. Isn't this reorganization?" Longo stated in a letter to the council.

Town Clerk Richard Theroux said in published reports on several occasions that the new system was more convenient for the public and had worked well, and of the 2,000 licenses that had been issued, only Longo had complained (about receiving the license at the Police Station rather than the Town Clerk's Office).

He also said all records and paperwork, as well as the supervision of issuing dog licenses, was still under the jurisdiction of his office.

## Agawam Republicans To Meet At Oak Ridge April 4th

The second spring meeting of the Agawam Republican Committee will be held on Saturday, April 4th, at Oak Ridge Country Club, Feeding Hills, at 8:30 a.m.

The election of officers will be made at this meeting. An invitation to persons interested in becoming a member of the committee is extended at this time.

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The guest speaker will be Congressman Richard Neal.

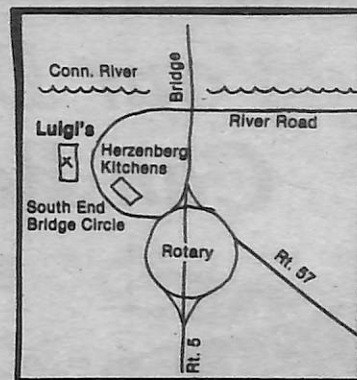
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KIMBERLY SULLIVAN and CAITLIN WEISGERBER (left), members of the Fantastic 4-Hers of Agawam, were winners of the Health and Fitness Category at the Pioneer Valley 4-H visual presentations held in Northampton. They gave a team presentation called "Swimming Makes Me Believe In Me" and will represent the region at the statewide contest in Boston on April 11th. Over 80 4-Hers from Western Mass. participated in this event. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Agawam 4-H members Noah Bertone-Gross and Melissa Murphy were outstanding entrants in the recent Pioneer Valley 4-H Poster Contest. These posters will be entered in the statewide contest. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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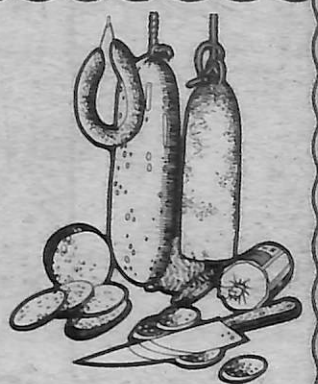


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# Police, DARE Donate Books On Drugs To Agawam Library

Thanks to the Agawam DARE program and the Agawam Police Association, the Agawam Public Library will have an excellent new collection of books and videos about drugs to enlighten both teenagers and their parents.

The Agawam Public Library supports the fine works of the Agawam Police Department by offering up-to-date materials on educational and informational issues such as drugs that affect the community. Many teens visit the library to seek current information about drugs for school reports or personal information.

The Agawam DARE program is purchasing the superb book collection of 25 titles, *The Encyclopedia of Psychoactive Drugs* at \$399.95. This highly acclaimed series includes the following books: *The Addictive Personality*; *Alcohol and Alcoholism*; *Alcohol: Customs and Rituals*; *Alcohol: Teenage Drinking*; *Amphetamines: Danger In The Fast Lane*; *Barbituates: Sleeping Potions or Intoxicants?*; *Caffeine: The Most Popular Stimulant*; *Cocaine: A New Epidemic?*; *Escape From Anxiety and Stress*; *Flowering Plants: Magic In Gloom*; *Getting Help: Treatments For Drug Abuse*; *Heroin: The Street Narcotic*; *Inhalants: The Toxic Fumes*; *LSD: Visions or Nightmares?*; *Marijuana: Its Effects On Mind & Body*; *Methadone: Treatment For Addiction*; *Over-the-Counter Drugs: Harmless or Hazardous*; *PCP: The Dangerous Angel*; *Prescription Narcotics: The Addictive Painkillers*; *Quaaludes: The Quest For Oblivion*; *Teenage Depression And Drugs*; *Treating Mental Illness*; *Valium: And Other Tranquillizers*.

The Agawam Police Association is purchasing the excellent *Video Encyclopedia of Psychoactive Drugs* at \$399.50. This highly acclaimed series includes the following videos: *Alcoholism & Alcoholism*; *Alcohol: Teenage Drinking*; *Amphetamines: Danger In The Fast Lane*; *Barbituates: Sleeping Potions or Intoxicants?*; *Cocaine & Crack: The New Epidemic*; *Heroin: The Street Narcotic*; *Marijuana: Its Effects On Mind & Body*; *Nicotine: An Old-Fashioned Addiction*; *Prescription Narcotics: The Addictive Painkillers*; and *Teenage Depression & Suicide*.

The Agawam Police Department does a great deal of fine work on drug abuse prevention among all age groups with its DARE and many other fine programs. Thanks to their generosity, the Agawam Public Library can better support their fine work.



**PROJECT DARE OFFICER Donald Gallerani (left) and Officer Joseph Dymon, treasurer of the Agawam Police Association, present checks totalling \$800 to purchase drug books and videos for the Agawam Public Library. Accepting the donations is Donna Campbell, chief librarian. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

## Community Grange Plans Tag & Bake Sale

Community Grange No. 382 of Feeding Hills will hold their annual Tag and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Grange hall is located at 47 North West Street in Feeding Hills.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit various community and state projects.

For more information, please call Pauline Provost at 789-1088.

## Sons Of Norway Slate Next Gathering

Sons of Norway, Neptune Lodge 3-552, will hold its next meeting and beef stew supper at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27th, at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

Irish dancers will entertain. Anyone interested in Norwegian culture is welcome. Please contact the secretary, Mrs. William Cook, at 562-1338 for further information.

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Captain Paul Monohan of Feeding Hills receives the Army Commendation Medal.

### Captain Paul J. Monohon Awarded Army Commendation Medal

Captain Paul J. Monohon of Feeding Hills, commander of Company B, 1st Battalion, 104th Infantry, 26th (YANKEE) Infantry Division, has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal for implementing an aggressive recruiting and retention program, increasing the strength of his unit while keeping its attrition rate at an all time low.

YANKEE Division commander, Major General Donald Brunnelle, presented the award during ceremonies at Cape Cod's Camp Edwards.

The 104th Infantry is one of the few regiments of the U.S. Army to receive the French Croix de Guerre during both World Wars.

### Town Picnic Receives Donation



DAVID AXLER, owner of "Axler's Bike Shop" on Springfield Street has generously donated a boys' 20-inch BMX bicycle for first prize in the Town Picnic Raffle (the picnic will be held in July). Letters have been sent to area businesses asking for their help by sponsoring the day through a \$50 donation. The businesses will be on a Sponsor Board which will be on display during the Town Picnic. Picnic Chairwoman Jane Dennis of Feeding Hills is pictured receiving the BMX bike from David Axler. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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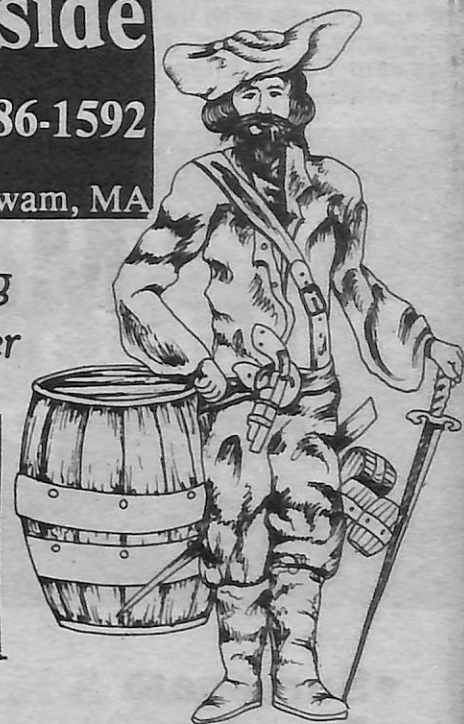
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Each program requires pre-registration a minimum of three days in advance. For further information on these programs, or for a copy of Laughing Brook's spring newsletter with complete listings, call 413-566-8034.

**Peeps, Peents and Hoots, Saturday, April 4th, 5-8 p.m.**

A twilight walk at Fannie Stebbins Memorial Refuge will focus on animal courtship. Staff Naturalist Scott Jackson will lead a search of the wet places for spring peepers and wood frogs, the damp areas for displaying woodcocks, and the treetops for owls.

Star performances are expected at dusk as "timber doodles," aka woodcocks, begin their elaborate courtship displays, including nasal "peents," chirps and spiral flights on whistling wings. After dark, attention will turn to great horned and screech owls which are in the midst of their breeding season.

Fees are \$5 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$7 for non-members.

**Owls By Moonlight, Thursday, April 15th, 7-10 p.m.**

Spend an evening at Laughing Brook searching the sanctuary for owls. Great horned, screech and barred owls will be well into their breeding seasons.

Imitated and taped calls will be used to provoke vocal responses from nesting owls. An indoor segment, including slides, taped owl calls, and several of our resident owls, will familiarize participants with the nine owl species in Massachusetts.

A rain date is scheduled for April 22nd.

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## UNICO Ready For Maraconi Supper



THE AGAWAM CHAPTER of UNICO National invites the public to the organization's 30th Annual Macaroni & Meatball Supper on Wednesday, April 8th at the Agawam High School from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from this event will help finance activities of the organization. Committee members include Ron Lalancette, Jim Willis, Al Demastrie, and Peter Forastiere. SEE UNICO'S AD BELOW. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Bay Path Slates Annual Fashion Show

Bay Path College will present **Passport to Fashion**, its 17th annual fashion show, on Sunday, April 5th, at 3:15 p.m. in Blake Student Center dining room on the Longmeadow campus.

The event is open to the public with no charge for admission.

Under the direction of faculty advisers Sandra Burns and Patricia Kmon, the annual show is produced, scripted and staffed by students in the

Fashion Merchandising and Retailing Program with assistance from students in other fields of study.

Participating stores will include An Elegant Alternative, East Longmeadow; Hit Or Miss, West Springfield; Perfect Fit, South Hadley; Weather-vane, Enfield, CT; Potpourri, Bay Path College; and the following Holyoke Mall-based stores: Aeropostale, Gantos, ID, Lady Footlocker, The Limited, Lerner's and Units.

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## Famous Roast Beef Served At F.H. Congregational



OVER AT THE FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH on March 14th, another of those delicious roast beef suppers was served to benefit Operation Friendship, the summer international youth exchange sponsored at the church. IN TOP PHOTO, Allison Pisano, Tammie Drewnowski, and Shelley Rose volunteered to assist with the bake sale; IN PHOTO BELOW, Roxanne Zern and Suzanne Mueller were expert helpers in the kitchen.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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OVER AT THE FEEDING HILLS Congregational Church, Gertrude Bumpus and Linda Barden are about to enjoy their roast beef dinners sponsored by Operation Friendship. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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# Timeless Truth For Today... The Old Book And The Wind

by Roger Martin  
Pastor, Agawam Church of the Bible

Once upon a time, there was a village nestled by the sea. The villagers were fascinated by the wind that blew in off the sea, and even more fascinated when they found the Old Book.

The book revealed much about the wind, and currents, and tornadoes. It also told of wind vanes, kites, and sails. The villagers learned to love, respect, and use the wind.

With their new knowledge, they built sailboats to fish the seas. Soon, their little village was a thriving fishing town.

As the fishermen grew older, they would pass the trade on to their children, along with the secrets they had learned from the Old Book. And so the following generations also learned to love and respect the wind.

Then one day, a new teacher came from the big city to teach in the village school. One day, he surprised the children by claiming that the wind did not exist. He told them that people in the big city no longer believed in the wind.

The children protested, so he asked them if they had ever seen the wind, to which they had to reply "no." He then asked why they believed in the wind.

They assured him that the effects of the wind were obvious everywhere—in the fluttering leaves, the flying kites, and the moving sailboats. And they told him of the Old Book.

With a knowing smile, he told them that people in the big city believed that little flying insects called "sputts" rustled the leaves, supported the kites, and moved the boats.

He assured them that the Old Book was nice, but that it was written by someone who knew nothing of the "sputts."

Confused, the children insisted that they could feel the wind as it blew in from the sea. "You feel that way," he replied, "because that is what you have been taught by the fishermen. But don't be fooled; no one believes in the wind except the old people."

As the children grew into adulthood, they were more skeptical of the wind and spoke of it less and less. A few even claimed that they had seen a flock of "sputts."

Most marveled that they had ever believed in the wind at all. And almost no one wanted to be a fisherman, for that trade was associated with the old fishermen and their quaint ideas about the wind.

That old fishing village is still nestled by the sea, but it is scarcely the thriving town that it once was, for the fishing boats rarely go out anymore.

The wind still blows in off the sea, but no one seems to notice it anymore.

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." Proverbs 14:12

"The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" Psalm 14:1

THE BIBLE (NIV)

## Agawam Senior Center List Of Events, Activities, & News For Month Of April

Wednesday, April 1st: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Haynes. By appointment.

Wednesday, April 1st: 9:00 a.m. Free tax assistance, courtesy of A.A.R.P. volunteers. By appointment.

Friday, April 3rd: 9:00 a.m. Free diabetic screening.

Saturday, April 4th: 6:30 p.m. Bingo. Doors open at 5:15 p.m.; kitchen opens at 5:45.

Monday, April 6th: 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served—coffee, cereal, fruit, and muffin. Donation \$1.50.

Monday, April 6th: 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. "Aging In America" seminar, presented by Mr. Jim Buker.

Monday, April 6th: 12:45 p.m. Monday movies.

Monday, April 6th: 1:00 p.m. "Learn a new card game"; April will be Canasta month.

Tuesday, April 7th: 9:00 a.m. SHINE, "Serving Health Information Needs of Elders." Courtesy of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

Tuesday, April 7th: 11:30 a.m. Birthday Recognition Day. By reservation.

Tuesday, April 7th: 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure, A—L.

Wednesday, April 8th: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free eye exams. Courtesy of Community Eye Care.

Wednesday, April 8th: 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. The last day for free tax assistance.

Thursday, April 9th: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry by Dr. Salem. By appointment.

Friday, April 10th: Office house of Councillor Tom Ennis.

Saturday, April 11th: 6:30 p.m. Bingo. Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

Monday, April 13th: 12:30 p.m. Special presentation by Mr. John Newman, associate professor at Springfield College. Topic: "The Senior Games '92."

Monday, April 13th: Monday movies, following the 12:30 program.

Monday, April 13th: Cards—Canasta.

Tuesday, April 14th: 9:00 a.m. SHINE. By appointment.

Tuesday, April 14th: 1:00 p.m. Another in the series of seminars, "Enjoy Talking About Money," with Howard Singer and Michael Potito. Feel free to join the group anytime.

Wednesday, April 15th: 9:30 a.m. Free legal consultation with Attorney Anthony Bonavita. By appointment.

Thursday, April 16th: 9:00 a.m. Foot nurses. By appointment.

Thursday, April 16th: Easter Celebration—special menu, food and plant sale, with entertainment, "Looking Back," for your listening pleasure.

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## Youngs Announce Birth Of Son

Rick and Laurie (Hamel) Young would like to announce the birth of their son, Tylor Zachary. Tylor was born on January 29th, 1992, and weighed eight pounds, 10½ ounces.

Waiting to greet Tylor at home were his sister Katie and brother Matthew.

The baby's maternal grandmother is Jean Hamel of Agawam, and his paternal grandmother is Edie James of West Los Angeles, California.

The maternal great-grandmother is Leona Terzi of Springfield, who just celebrated her 80th birthday.

## Ag. Historical Asso. To Meet March 31st

The Agawam Historical Association will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, March 31st, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

The speaker will be Joe Carvalho of the Connecticut Valley Historical Association, with a program titled "Excerpts from Memories as Cornelius Treet," a character from our Revolutionary past.

Members of the Ramapogue Historical Association will also be guests as this meeting. Everyone is welcome.

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**Friday, April 17th:** 12:45 p.m. Egg color contest and egg hunt, with prizes.

**Saturday, April 18th:** No Bingo this night.

**Monday, April 20th:** Senior Center closed.

**Tuesday, April 21st:** 9:00 a.m. SHINE. By appointment.

**Tuesday, April 21st:** 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure, M—Z.

**Wednesday, April 22nd:** 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. "Senior Dance Nite" with Libby Campa on the piano.

**Friday, April 24th:** 12:00 noon. Office hours with Councilor Joanne Willis.

**Saturday, April 25th:** 6:30 p.m. Bingo.

**Monday, April 27th:** 12:45 p.m. Monday movies.

**Monday, April 27th:** 1:00 p.m. Canasta.

**Monday, April 27th:** 7:00 p.m. Free evening of entertainment, presented by Beta Sigma Phi Society. No reservations necessary.

**Tuesday, April 28th:** 12:30 p.m. Special program by Mr. Donald E. Ashe, Register of Deeds, titled "Declaration of the Homestead Act."

**Tuesday, April 28th:** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Free legal consultation with Attorney Teryl Deegan. By appointment.

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**VOLUNTEER NOTES**

To all volunteers goes a well-deserved thanks.

The volunteers have been there when needed for the smallest of jobs, such as stuffing envelopes, to the larger jobs, such as working on our special dinners (the picnics being the most difficult). It's always a pleasure working with all of you.

**IMPORTANT:** All time slips for the year must be in by April 15th. Janice Schermerhorn, volunteer coordinator, needs the hours in order to plan the Volunteer Recognition Dinner in May. Many volunteers were disappointed last year; don't let it happen to you.

**CALLING ALL CARD PLAYERS**

If you like playing cards, you are missing a lot of fun Monday and Friday afternoons. On Monday, we teach cribbage and the card game of the month. In April,



A.A.R.P. members Estelle Glayer and Bob Northgraves gave a program on the senior citizen advocacy organization on March 18th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

we will be playing Canasta; and in May, it will be Continental Rummy.

**SENIOR GAMES**

So far, we are having a fair showing in Bowling and Shuffleboard. Basketball, Soccer, Golf, Tennis, and Race Walking are also being pursued.

Clinics are available at Springfield College to prepare you for the games at a cost of \$10. Any preparation we do here is free.

Registration before May 1st is \$15; \$20 until May 15th. **LET'S GET GOING TO THE GAMES!**

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**COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING**

Spring is definitely on its way and time to "garden talk."

If you missed out on the garden project for the past four years, it's time to **get off that couch** and call in to reserve a space for our (now) fifth season Community Garden.

If you noticed last summer, the prices of vegetables (at the peak of harvest)

were not "bargain prices." We strive to grow organic, and organic is healthy.

To grow and pick your own veggies is both rewarding and good exercise. Let's get down to earth and the outdoors, and enjoy the special balance of life and nature.

Call 786-0400, extension 242 (Sandra Smith, activities director), for more information and the scheduled meeting date.

**JUST IN**

A very special "heart-felt" thank you goes out to Sheriff Michael Ashe for his recently received letter of notification that he will again support the Senior Center Community Garden project on Hampden County property, as long as possible.

**BALLET LESSONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

Yup, another way to get your exercise in for the week is to join a ballet class.

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We feel fortunate that we can offer another form of exercise and fun to you through the courtesy of Olive Lyons. Olive has offered her expertise to the Senior Center (providing there is enough interest).

She has taught ballet, tap, acrobatic and adult calisthenics. She has studied at Moquin School of Dance and Dunaeff School of Ballet. The class is scheduled for Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Please call 786-0400, extension 242 (activities director Sandra Smith), to register. You will be notified as to the starting date.

**CALLING ALL SENIORS**

Are you ready to try something different? Well, here it is, folks...

The Agawam Senior Center Choral Group is about to happen. Call to sign-up; the organizational day will be announced.

Call Sandra Smith, activities director, at 786-0400, extension 242.

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It's that wonderful time again, when the Beta Sigma Phi sorority hosts a night of excellent entertainment plus homemade desserts.

This year, the spotlight is on Barbara Jensen, who is a lifetime member of the Springfield International Color Slide Exhibitors. Barbara is also a member of Springfield's Nature Photographers' Club, and the Wilbraham Camera Club.

Her presentation will be her prize-winning slide show called "Little Tibet" and is scheduled for Monday, April 27th, at the Agawam Senior Center.

The time of the presentation is 7:30 p.m., and admission is free. Mark your calendar, now, so as not to miss this prize show.

For more information, call 786-0400, extension 242, activities department.

**EASTER CELEBRATION: FOOD AND PLANT SALE**

Betty Couture (Senior Center cook) and her crew will be busy getting her famous traditional Easter dinner prepared for Thursday, April 16th, while the Easter Bunny will be getting ready for HIS day on Friday, April 17th, for the egg hunt and the color egg contest.

The food and plant sale will benefit the nutrition program. Contributions for the food sale will be greatly appreciated. Foods such as baked goods, canned food, pickles, or homemade candy will be accepted.

The sale begins at 10:00 a.m. Reservations are now open for the Easter Dinner scheduled for Thursday, April 16th. Call 786-0400, extension 242, for more information.

**EGG HUNT AND COLORED EGG CONTEST**

The Easter Bunny is planning his secret places to hide his eggs, so get ready for Friday, April 17th, for the hunt. He is also having a colored egg contest, so get your brushes out and see if you can stump the judges.

And, now that you know what is happening for our Easter celebration, get your reservations in for both events!

**SENIOR GAMES CORRECTION**

Candlepin Bowling WILL NOT be included. However, Ten Pin Bowling WILL.

**SENIOR GAMES SPECIAL PROGRAM**

On Monday, April 13th, a special program concerning the Senior Games is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. The presentation will be made by Mr. John Newman, associate professor, Springfield College, and chairman of the Board of Directors, Massachusetts Senior Games '92.

You are invited to attend to be better informed. The program includes a video of the up and coming games. For more information, call the Agawam Senior Center, 786-0400, extension 242, activities director.

**Agawam Public Library Invites Townspeople To Help Celebrate National Library Week**

The Agawam Public Library will be participating in National Library Week April 5th through April 11th.

Come to the library and borrow some of the many books, videos, audio cassettes, and other brand new materials we have for kids of all ages!! We will finish off the week with a special puppet show presentation by Ninots Puppet Theatre.

On Saturday, April 11th, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., they will perform "Animal Tales," featuring music and a variety of lively puppets in a show that is sure to entertain the whole family.

Agawam and Feeding Hills residents may register for programs by calling 789-1550 or visiting 750 Cooper St.

**Speaking From The Bible...  
"A Book Report"**

by Tom Crouse

Assistant Pastor, Faith Bible Church, Agawam

It is interesting to think about why people believe some things and do not believe others.

For example, people will read a history book that tells them George Washington was the first President of the United States, and they will have no problem believing that.

They don't walk around thinking that George Washington never existed and surely was not a President. No, they accept that what they read in the history book was true. They believe by having faith in a book.

On the other hand, people will read that Jesus Christ was God in the flesh and died on the cross and shed his blood for their sins, and they will not believe it. Why is it that you can believe in what a history book says, but cannot believe in what the Bible says? It takes faith to believe in both, so what's the difference?

The difference is the Bible demands a decision and a history book does not. If you don't believe in what you read in a history book, you are no worse off than if you believed.

But if you don't believe in what the Bible says, you are making a decision that will mean eternal death in the lake of fire that the Bible calls Hell! This is why you find it difficult to believe in the Bible. You are uncomfortable with being forced to make a decision.

By not believing, or not even caring what the Bible has to say, you are calling God a liar.

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Didn't you ever wonder why you get so upset when someone wants to talk about the Bible? You might not have realized it, but the reason you were upset is you know the Bible demands a decision, and you know you have rejected the Bible and what it teaches.

The Bible is very clear on what is required by you for eternal happiness. The Bible is very clear on what is available to you for peace and contentment right now.

The Bible is very clear on how you should live your life to bring you the most joy you could ever imagine. The Bible is also very clear on what will happen to those who reject God's word. Jesus Christ teaches in the pages of the Bible, sitting in a room on a shelf in your house.

You are sure that George Washington was the first President of the United States. You base that on history books. You believe by faith.

If you can have faith in a history book that requires nothing and offers nothing, why not take that same faith and use it to look at the Bible, which demands a decision and offers eternal happiness?

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## Senior Center Plans Breakfast Program

On Monday, April 6th, the Senior Center will host the first in a series of Breakfast Programs. The first seminar will consist of breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and a presentation by Jim Buker, Senior Class Coordinator of Baystate Medical Center, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Jim's topic will be "Aging in America." He will also give information on the benefits of becoming a member of Senior Class if you are 55 years of age or older.

The breakfast will comprise of juice, coffee, cereal, fruit and muffins. The donation will be \$1.50 per person and will include a raffle.

To make reservations, call the Senior Center, 786-0400, extension 242, or "The Professionals" at 784-2255. For more information, contact Pauline Mercadante at the Senior Center.

Watch the newspapers for the next seminar, which will be held in July and have a current topic of interest.

## Rev. Decoteau At St. John's Church

Reverend Vernon P. Decoteau, Diocesan Director of Worship and Master of Ceremonies to the Bishop of the Springfield Diocese, will celebrate Mass on Wednesday, April 1st, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church, Main Street, Agawam.

Father Decoteau will speak on "The Sacrifice of the Cross and the Mass." The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Health Consultant Speaks Before Rotary



JEAN CLIFFORD of Agawam, a health consultant who previously was an administrator for Ring Nursing Home and Heritage Hall Nursing Home, spoke about health issues to the Agawam Rotary Club on March 11th. Mrs. Clifford is being greeted by Program Chairman Reverend Curt D. Fuller (left) and Rotary President James V. Bruno, Jr. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Airman Schneider Grad Of Systems Course

Airman Brian W. Schneider has graduated from the aircraft pneudraulic systems course at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois.

Students were taught the principles of operation, inspection, testing, and repair of pneudraulic and units. Included were aircraft familiarization,

ground safety practices, and the use of technical publications.

He is the son of Gary and Marcy Schneider of 22 Althea Circle, Agawam.

The servicemember is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School.

### PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (never known to fail)

O Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my mother. O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

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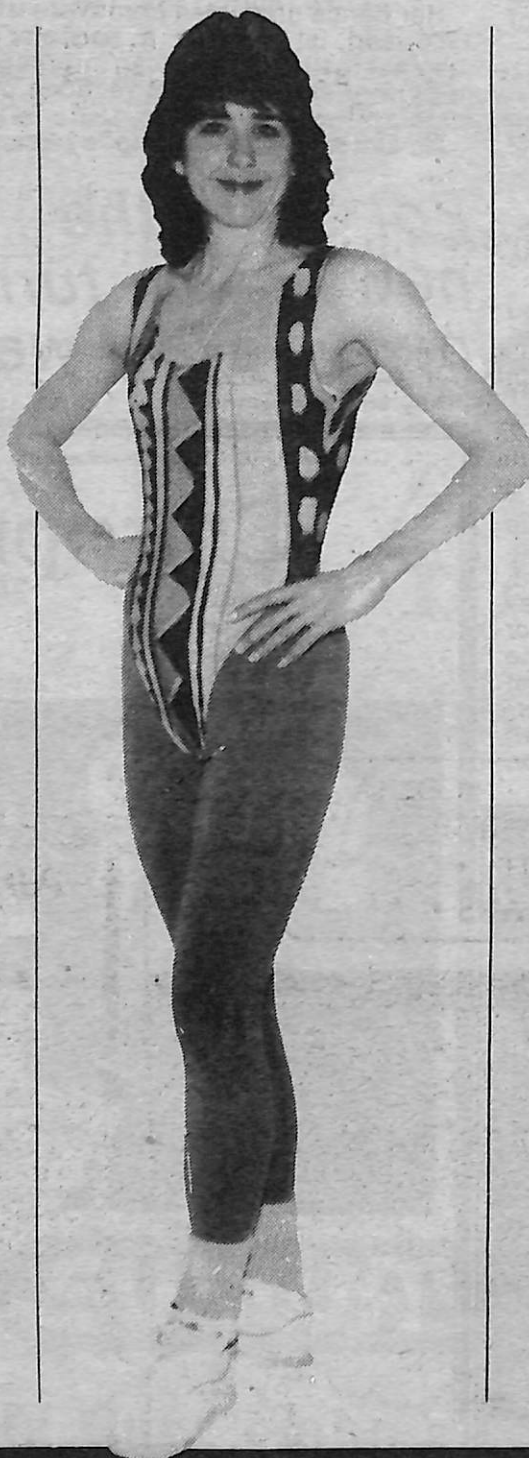
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## From the PULPIT

by Rev. Len Cowan  
St. David's Church

### Repentance - Part I

Suppose you were to go to a shopping mall, and randomly sample the shoppers with this question: "What do you think a Christian is?"

What kind of answers do you think you would get? Perhaps there would be those who would talk about going to church, or living by the golden rule, or being baptized, or obeying the 10 commandments, or loving others.

There might even be those who say that a Christian is someone who believes in Jesus Christ as Savior and follows Him as Lord. In all of this, particularly the last, they wouldn't be far from the truth.

However, in everything you and I might hear or think about what it means to be a Christian, I doubt we would immediately consider one other thing the Bible says is critical to being a Christian.

John the Baptist talked about it in telling people to get ready for Jesus' first coming; Jesus talked about it in telling people how to enter the kingdom of God; and the apostle Peter talked about it in telling people how they might be saved from their sin.

What is "it"? It's **repentance**. "Repent," said John the Baptist (Matthew 3:2); "repent and believe the gospel," said Jesus (Mark 1:15); "repent and be baptized," said Peter (Acts 2:38).

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The Bible clearly states that being a Christian is not simply to exhibit the appropriate Christian behavior: 'he religious of Jesus' day acted holy, and yet Jesus said of them, "you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish but inside you are full of extortion and wickedness" (Luke 11:39).

The Bible also declares that it's not enough to believe in God or in Jesus: James, the brother of Jesus, said once that "even the demons believe—and shudder" (James 2:19).

Being a Christian means more than believing, more than knowing about God, even more than experiencing His Presence or having a personal relationship with Him.

Being a Christian involves repentance: It's absolutely critical if we are to belong to Christ in this life, and in the life to come.

As Jesus once said, "unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13: 3, 5). Repentance, as the Bible sees it, is the means whereby we become and continue on as Christians, fully enjoying the amazing grace of God which He shows upon us every day, every hour.

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In the next article in this series, we'll describe what the Bible means by "repentance."

Until then, throughout this season of Lent, allow the Lord to search your heart, that you may see wherein you may have sinned against God or your neighbor, and make a decision to repent: to seek God's forgiveness and that of others, to set your will to have a change of mind, heart, and actions, and to receive His power to live anew, following the example of your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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### Linda L. Cosby To Wed Mr. Wyzik

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Cosby of 62 Elmar Drive, Feeding Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda L. Cosby, to Edward V. Wyzik, Jr. of Springfield. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward V. Wyzik, Sr. of 37 Benham Avenue, Ware.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1991 graduate of Framingham State College, with a bachelor's degree in clothing and textiles. She is an assistant buyer for Albert Steiger, Inc.

Her fiancé graduated from Ware High School in 1986 and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in criminal justice at American International College in Springfield. He is a corrections officer for the state of Connecticut.

An October 17th wedding is planned.

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## Calendar Of Events Golden Age Clubs

**April 1st: Chapter 2**—Regular meeting at 1:30 with a guest Foreign Student from Germany who will play the piano.

**April 3rd: Chapter 1**—Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**April 8th: Chapter 1**—Installation Banquet to be held at the Storowton Carriage House, West Springfield. Dinner at noon.

**April 15th: Chapter 2**—Regular meeting at 1:30 with guest speaker, Ed Carroll, Meteorologist from Channel 40.

**April 22nd: Chapter 1**—Regular meeting at 1:30 with gift bingo.

**April 22nd: Chapter 2**—Installation Banquet to be held at the Shaker Farms Country Club, Westfield. Dinner at noon.

**April 24th: Chapter 2**—Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**April 28th: Chapter 2**—Trip to Randolph, Mass. to enjoy the Carol Channing Show (Dinner included).

## Eugene D. Smith III Ends Army Course

Army National Guard Pvt. Eugene D. Smith III has completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia.

During the course, students received training which qualified them as light-weapons infantrymen and as indirect-fire crewmen in a rifle or mortar squad.

Instruction included weapons qualifications, tactics, patrolling, land mine warfare, field and combat operations.

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## Junior Women To Hold "Town Fair"

The Agawam Town Fair, sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, will feature game booths run by boy scout troops, church youth groups, school groups, sports groups, and area businesses.

Game booth space is still available to any Agawam organization. Each organization can develop its own idea for a game, create the booth, run it the day of the fair, and receive profit from the booth for the organization.

The fair will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (rain date May 30th) at Perry Lane Park. Other activities will include a dunking booth, food, free balloons, face painting, and lots of fun for families.

Admission will be free. The Juniors will be doing a lot of advance publicity for the fair, and hope to make it a real Town Fair with a number of different organizations working together.

There's still time to join in the fun! If your organization is interested in sponsoring a booth, please contact the Junior Women's Club as soon as possible. Call Nancy Campl at 786-9972; Diane Graveline at 786-5540; or write to Agawam Junior Women's Club, P.O. Box 320, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

The Junior Women's Club would also like to thank the following businesses for supporting the Fair: Piggy's Restaurant, Larry's Mobile, Stearns & Yerrall Realtors, Feeding Hills Public Market, Agawam McDonald's, Hastie Fence Co., Riverside Park, and Roger Slate of All For A Dollar stores.

Any other businesses interested in supporting this town event, please contact us.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of GFWC and GFWCM.

## Catholic Women's Club Preparing For "Spring Festival Of Crafts" April 11th

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold a "Spring Festival of Crafts" on Saturday, April 11th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center, 833 Main Street, Agawam.

The profits from the craft show are used for needy families in our parish. A few spaces are still available for exhibitors.

If interested, please call Paula Raiche after 5:00 p.m. at 789-0244.

### Sherry Godek Engaged

Mr. & Mrs. Frank S. Godek of Chicopee announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherry Ann Godek of Feeding Hills, to Felix Otero of Feeding Hills, son of Mr. & Mrs. Marcial Otero of Westfield.

Miss Godek is a 1982 graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School. She is also a graduate from Springfield Technical Community College, with an associates degree in criminal justice. She is employed by the City of Westfield.

Mr. Otero is a 1981 graduate of Westfield Vocational High School and is employed by the City of Westfield.

A September 1992 wedding is planned.

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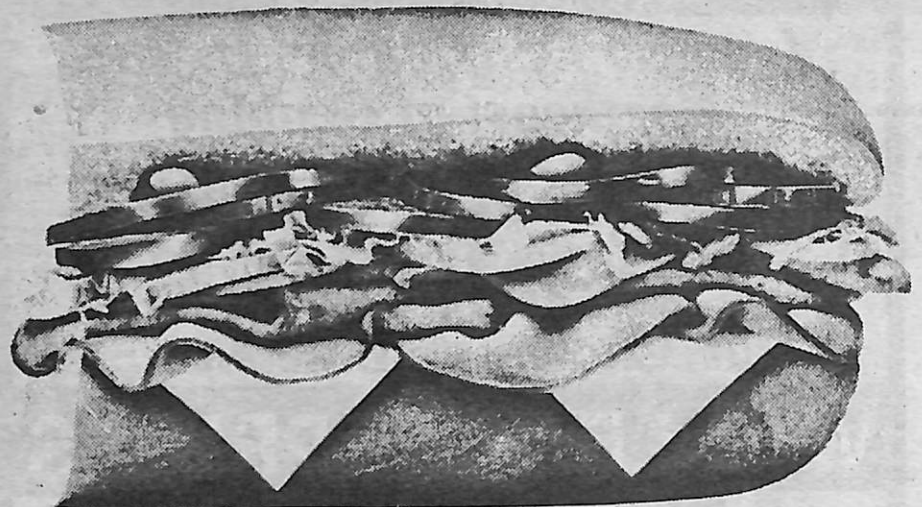
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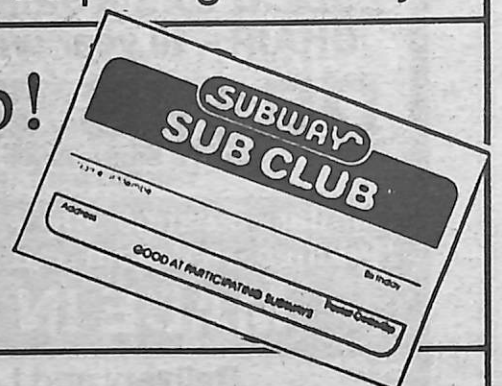


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Following the worship service, there will be a Lenten Relate Bible Study series held every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Barry Toussaint and Reverend Fuller will present this hour program that relates God's word to the reality of everyday life.

**ZITI & MEATBALL SUPPER:** The church's second annual Ziti & Meatball Supper is set for Thursday, April 2nd. The menu includes ziti, meatballs (homemade meatballs), salad, rolls, coffee, tea or milk, and dessert.

There will be two sittings, 5:00 and 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults, and \$2.50 for children under 12. For reservations, call Peg McCobb, 786-8195, or the church office, 786-7111. Reservations close Monday, March 30th.

A **FREE SELF-DEFENSE CLASS** will be presented by Rick Wills on Sunday, April 5th, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend; call Sue Tapply, 786-1430, to register.

**FAMILY NIGHT** is scheduled for Friday, April 10th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Childcare will be available by the church's Senior Youth Group following a potluck dessert.

The guest speaker is from the Memory Training Institute and he will amaze, amuse, and teach us techniques for unlocking unused memory potential.

All are welcome to attend; please call Sue Tapply to register, 786-1430.

A new member class at Agawam Congregational Church will begin this Sunday, March 29th, at 6:00 p.m. This three-week session will cover the history, polity, and mission of the church. Childcare will be provided.

The Easter Schedule is as follows for the church:

On Maundy Thursday, April 16th, there will be a service at 7:30 p.m.

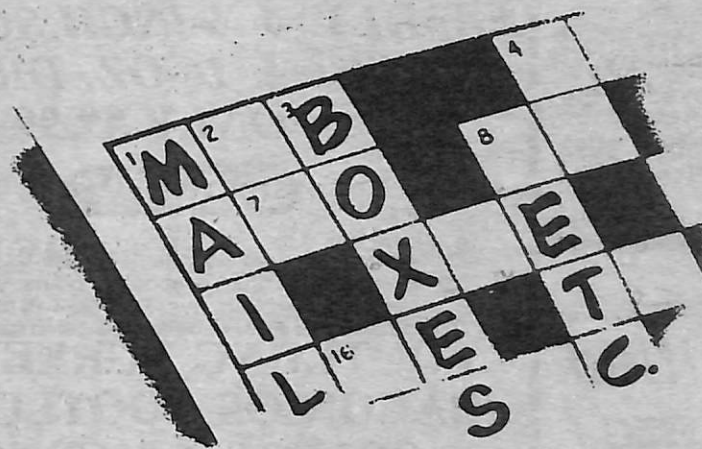
Easter Sunrise Service is at 5:45 a.m. on Provin Mt. on the East lawn at WWLP, Channel 22. Following the sunrise service, there will be a breakfast back at the church at 7:00 a.m.

There will be two Easter Services held; one is at 9:00 a.m., the other is at 11:00 a.m. A Continental Breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m.

There is no charge for either breakfast; however, donations are welcome.

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## Ag. Senior Center Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, March 30th:** Turkey loaf, mashed potatoes w/gravy, spinach, rye bread, fresh fruit.

**Tuesday, March 31st:** Baked chicken leg, sweet potato, green beans, Canadian oat bread, applesauce with raisins.

**Wednesday, April 1st:** Hamburger stew (potatoes, carrots, onions, celery, peas), tossed salad, pumpernickel bread, chocolate pudding with whipped topping.

**Thursday, April 2nd:** Stuffed shells with meat sauce, broccoli and cauliflower, whole wheat bread, plums.

**Friday, April 3rd:** Pollock and cheese, rice pilaf, pickled beets, rye bread, brownie.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

## AHS Band Parents To Hold Car Wash

The Agawam High School Band Parents Association is once again planning a combined Bottle and Can Drive and Car Wash on Saturday, April 11th at Dave's Soda & Pet Food City, 11 Ramah Circle, Agawam.

The hours will be between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please bring in any and all redeemable bottles and cans or, if you prefer, please call 786-1782 for an at home pickup.

The proceeds from these fundraisers go towards our numerous expenditures for the year, such as scholarships, new uniforms and transportation.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us in our past efforts to make this a successful fundraiser and especially Dave's Soda & Pet Food City for their continued support in allowing us to hold our can drives there.

## Nocturnal Adoration At St. John's

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet in St. John the Evangelist Church, 823 Main Street, Agawam to conduct and pray the Office of The Blessed Sacrament, Friday, April 3rd from 9:00 p.m. thru 6:00 a.m. Saturday, April 4th.

Father Richard F. Meehan, Pastor, opens the event with Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament. Members recite evening and morning prayers, private and public, closing with Benediction at 6:00 a.m.

Assisting Father Meehan are Robert T. Sullivan, Chairman, St. John's membership and Edward E. Petraitus, group leader.

Membership is open to all men, women, boys and girls who are most anxious to bring a new and voluntary spiritual dimension into their lives, and provide a human response to Christ's very human plea for comfort and support in the night of His agony in Gethesme, "WATCH WITH ME."

All are invited to come and spend an hour in "Eucharistic Prayer."

## Community Grange Has Busy April

A busy month for the Grange starts with a card party on Thursday, April 2nd. Jeannette LaBelle will start the play promptly at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Home, 47 North West Street, Feeding Hills.

Due to Holy Week, the next card party will be after Easter—Thursday, April 23rd—followed by a special one on Thursday, April 30th; the proceeds from this particular party will go to help host the National Grange meeting in Massachusetts in 1997.

More about these later—save the dates.


On Saturday, April 4th, the Grange's annual Tag and Bake Sale will be held at the hall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with Roberta Cesan in charge.

Regular meetings will be held on two Tuesdays, April 7th and 21st; the second one is open to the public in observance of Grange Week. The National Community Citizen Award will be presented to Mrs. Laura Cincotta at that time.


Because the Grange was founded for, and represents the interests of the American farmer, this year one of the few farmers in the city of Agawam was chosen for this award. The public is welcome, especially her friends.

Junior Grange meets the second and fourth Mondays, April 13th and 27th, at 6:30 p.m. with Pauline Provost, leader.


Community Grange will host Pioneer Valley Pomona Grange on Friday, April 10th, with M. Joan Comee, Master and a member of the Feeding Hills Grange, presiding.



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## Spotlight On Business

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by Tim Ayre  
Merrill Lynch Financial Consultant

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### Deborah O'Neill Joins Landry, Lyons, Whyte

Laurence D. Landry, President of LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Co./Better Homes and Gardens announces that Deborah O'Neill has joined our Westfield office as a Sales Associate.

Deborah received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Records Administration at the Medical College of Georgia. She also attended St. Mary's of Notre Dame College.

Active with the Girl Scouts of America and as a C.C.D. teacher, Deborah has lived in Westfield for three years.

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photo by Jack Devine.

### Unemployment Support Group Slates Mtgs.

The **POWERNETsm** unemployment support group meets every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the top floor of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Sumner Avenue, Springfield.

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The Springfield **POWERNETsm** is part of a series of groups interconnected throughout the state. **POWERNETsm** was founded on the

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## Spotlight On Business - continued...



## Common Sense With Your \$\$\$

by Raymond Rose  
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### Basic Money Management Mistakes

About two months ago, I gave you several of the more common mistakes that I regularly see in personal money management. In this week's column, I'm presenting the entire list.

I strongly urge you to review each area in depth to see if any of them apply to you. Rate each on a scale of 1-10 (number 1 being your weak point... number 10 being your best).

Once you have identified the area that needs the most attention, set a goal to eliminate that problem...NOW!

Make a "To-Do List" of your specific plan...review the plan with all parties involved...and begin the process, checking your progress on a weekly basis. Don't stop until you have accomplished your goal.

Personal money management is something that **EVERYONE** is involved in...it's only a matter of if you decide to do it well OR poorly...It's **entirely** your decision.

Here's my list...

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—Only one family member is involved in financial affairs. Give one spouse ultimate responsibility for making the daily decisions...but both should always be involved with annual and long-term financial planning.

Your goals will be easier to attain when everyone in the family is pulling in the same direction.

—Your goals are not written down on paper where they can be reviewed on a constant basis. Having them "in your head" is not good enough. Put a priority rating and dollar amount on each goal...review them regularly.

—You have no family budget. I'm amazed at the amount of income that some families earn...yet they always tell me they don't know where their money goes.

Spend a week and jot down on a note every time you spend your money...analyze the results at the end of the week. Remember, it's not how much you earn...it's how you spend it!

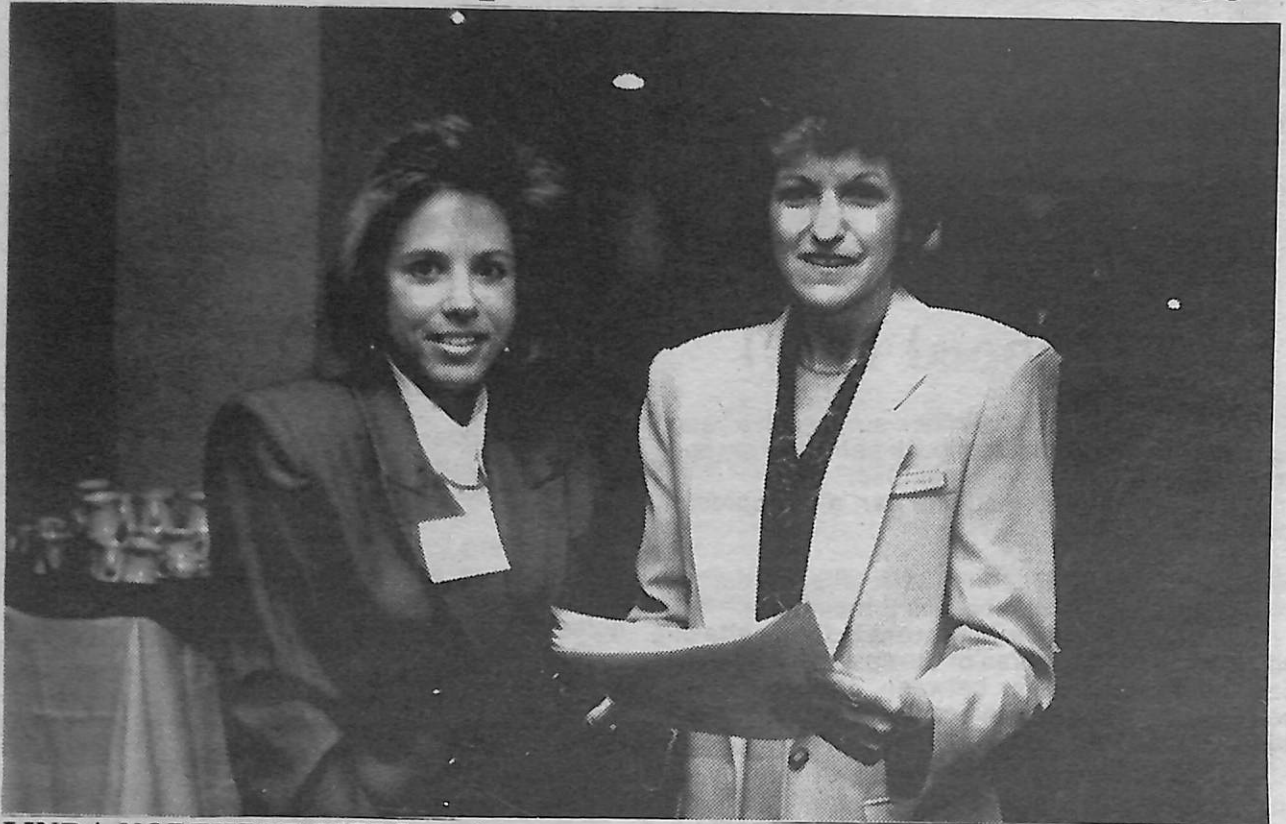
—The family has no excess liability (umbrella) insurance. For only several hundred dollars per year, the average family can get \$1,000,000 in excess liability coverage.

It could be one of the wisest investments you ever make. Be sure to contact your insurance agent.

—The contents of your home are not insured up to their replacement value. To maintain your standard of living, you should consider buying replacement-cost coverage.

The annual premiums are typically very inexpensive to cover almost everything you own.

## Linda Northrup Vitro Attends Conference



LINDA NORTHRUP VITRO, assistant treasurer of David M. Northrup Electrical Contractors of Agawam (left), and Patricia LaBelle, Bank of Boston, discuss today's economic climate at a "Doing Business in the 90's" forum. The forum was held March 6th and attracted more than 300 local business professionals.

Discuss exceptions with your insurance agent.

—There is not enough liquidity in your savings to handle emergencies or opportunities. Create an emergency fund which should contain an amount equal to six months of expense money. Use your budget to arrive at an exact figure.

—Many families have not taken the time to fully understand the long-term investment rewards of the securities markets (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.) Take some time to go to your local library...listen to audio cassette tapes...watch videos...and read books on the simple steps that you take to participate in these markets.

Learn how to minimize your risks and maximize your rewards...you'll be shocked on how these areas can greatly increase your net worth.

—The family does not fully understand their employee benefits. I regularly speak to people that don't participate in their company's 401-K plan...or if they do, they contribute minimal amounts. I suggest taking an active role in controlling the direction of your funds.

Review all options and plot all possibilities. In most cases, this one area can be one of the top means of acquiring a substantial nest egg for retirement, school funds, purchasing a home, a medical emergency, and more...GET INVOLVED!

—Your family has not drawn up a will, trusts, durable power of attorney, Homestead Act, etc. I strongly urge you to consult an estate-planning specialist in this critical area, especially if your life insurance and death benefits equal \$600,000 or more.

Don't be afraid of preparing this important in-

formation...I see too many families reacting when it's too late.

—Tax planning...some families make no tax projections for the upcoming year, and thus have no strategies in place...and on the other hand, some families spend too much time on tax reduction, and not enough time on concentrating on accumulating wealth for their retirement/special needs.

There's my list of problem areas...do any of them sound familiar? Cut out this column and post it on your refrigerator. Set your goals and get to work...you'll be amazed at how easy they are to accomplish.

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### A Slipped Disc!

**QUESTION:** I had lower back surgery five years ago. I'm still suffering with back pain, and my doctor tells me I have a "slipped disc."

What is a slipped disc and can a chiropractor help me?

**ANSWER:** First of all, the term slipped disc is often heard but, in reality, it is a misnomer.

A disc is the fibro cartilage that is firmly attached between the vertebrae of the spine. A disc does not "slip" out from between the vertebrae; however, a vertebrae can easily become misaligned in relationship to the adjacent vertebrae.

The misalignment can develop very quickly (as in the case of an automobile accident), or very gradually (as the result of continued bad posture, stresses, and strains of everyday life), or as an accumulation of many minor physical traumas.

This misalignment, when it affects the local spinal nerve, is called a subluxation. A subluxation involves the disc. Since the disc is firmly attached to the vertebrae, it moves as the misalignment occurs.

Another component that is present in the disc between misaligned vertebrae is swelling. The swelling occurs due to the irritation that results from the abnormal joint mechanics; the swelling, in turn, puts pressure on sensitive nerve fibers that exit from between the vertebrae—pain results.

To summarize, a slipped disc is a term that some health professionals use to describe the result of a subluxation. The chiropractic profession, rather than only attempting to alleviate symptoms, looks for the cause of the problem.

The cause of the pain in a "slipped disc" is the subluxation. The subluxation can and should be corrected by a qualified chiropractor; this will prevent further damage to the disc and nerve occurring, as long as the problem is left unattended.

Incidentally, chiropractors can very successfully care for patients who have gone through spinal surgery. The chiropractor will usually commence care following a comprehensive examination, including x-ray, in order to fully understand the patient's case.

For more information, contact the SCHLAFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE, 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, 789-1389.

## Noise Leading Cause Of Hearing Loss; Signs Given To Watch For

Noise is one of the leading preventable causes of hearing loss in our society. Noise exposure on the job has been accepted as a national health problem for many years, but the noise exposure that occurs in other areas is just beginning to be recognized as a serious health hazard.

We expose ourselves to excess noise in the home, listening to music, and during our recreational activities. Hearing can be affected by a single exposure to very loud noise, long exposure to loud noise and extended exposure to moderate noise.

According to the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association (ASHA) more than 20 million Americans are exposed to environmental noise that potentially can cause hearing loss.

This noise exposure is not limited to the workplace. ASHA reports that such recreational activities as hunting, motorboating/waterskiing, snowmobiling, motorcycling and the listening to loud "rock" music also can cause significant hearing losses.

Some common "warning signs" of excessively loud noise are:

1. You have to raise your voice to be heard.
2. You cannot hear someone speaking when they are less than two feet away.
3. Speech around you sounds muffled or dull after leaving a noisy area.
4. You have pain or ringing in your ears after exposure to noise.

There are several measures that can be taken in order to protect yourself and to assess any damage that may have occurred.

These include the wearing of hearing protection (cotton does not provide any substantial protection).

Have your hearing assessed by an audiologist (listed in the phone book and should be certified by the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association. Limit the time spent in any noisy area.

## Arthritis Supp. Group To Meet At Spfld. Elks

The Springfield Area Arthritis Support Group will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Springfield Elks Lodge No. 61, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield.

Dr. Paul D. Titus, Orthopedic Surgeon, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Titus will talk on "Arthroscopic Surgery in the Knee."

Arthritis Support Groups invite people with arthritis and their families and friends to share common concerns and become better informed about this disease.

Groups meet once a month, are led by trained volunteers, and are sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation Massachusetts Chapter. Programs are free and open to the public.

There is convenient parking and refreshments are served.

## Postpartum Depression To Be Discussed At Baystate Medical

The local chapter of Depression After Delivery at Baystate Medical Center will hold its monthly meeting, Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chicopee/Agawam Room.

Women currently experiencing some form of postpartum distress, as well as those who want to share their past experiences with others, are welcome to attend the group.

Sponsored by the Department of Parent Education, the support group offers a comforting atmosphere in which women can come together to share their thoughts and worries about distressing feelings they may be experiencing after the birth of a child.

For more information, contact Convy Stahl in the Parent Education Office at Baystate Medical Center at (413) 784-BABY (2229).

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# Arts

## This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Plesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

### —Basic Instinct

*Fatal Attraction* was just about the best of its kind: a truly sexy thriller that caught the viewer in its twisted web and held on to the thrilling—if predictable—end.

Would that *Basic Instinct* (another Michael Douglas film) offered similar thrills.

*Basic Instinct* casts Douglas as a San Francisco police detective, Nick Curran, investigating the death of a past-his-prime rock star tied to the bedposts with a silk scarf and stabbed to orgasmic death with an ice pick.

Digging into the case means digging into the lives of pop novelist Catherine Tramell (Sharon Stone), whose fictional murders have an odd habit of preceding the real thing.

Sounds good? Of course. But that's as far as this goes when it comes to good.

Nick, formerly a hard-drinking cop, is currently seeking a shrink (professionally and privately) for his problems. Dr. Beth Garner (Jeanne Tripplehorn) is the psychologist whose unhealthy ethics fit perfectly into this sickly screenplay.

Enter Roxy (Leilani Sarelle), Catherine's street-wise, bisexual, murderously jealous girlfriend whose rage is targeted (naturally) at Nick.

So the scene is set, with strands of continuity lending credence to the plot, even as its bizarre, unsavory, and often unpleasant undercurrents erode its credibility.

Nick becomes absorbed in the case, attracted in a brutal lust towards his writer/suspect, seduced by the woman he's investigating, and increasingly suspicious of the one he supposedly loves.

His history of accidental killings in the line of duty have earned him the nickname Shooter, and he's about to become the subject of still another novel—written by someone whose heroes have a nasty habit of turning up dead.

Seduced, lost in maze of mind games, torn apart by love/hate relationships, delving into excesses of liquor and sex, Nick searches for answers while hardly knowing what questions to ask.

The language in *Basic Instinct* is often foul; the sex graphic, steamy, and massively edited to earn an "R" rating instead of the fatal NC-17 (X equivalent) originally applied.

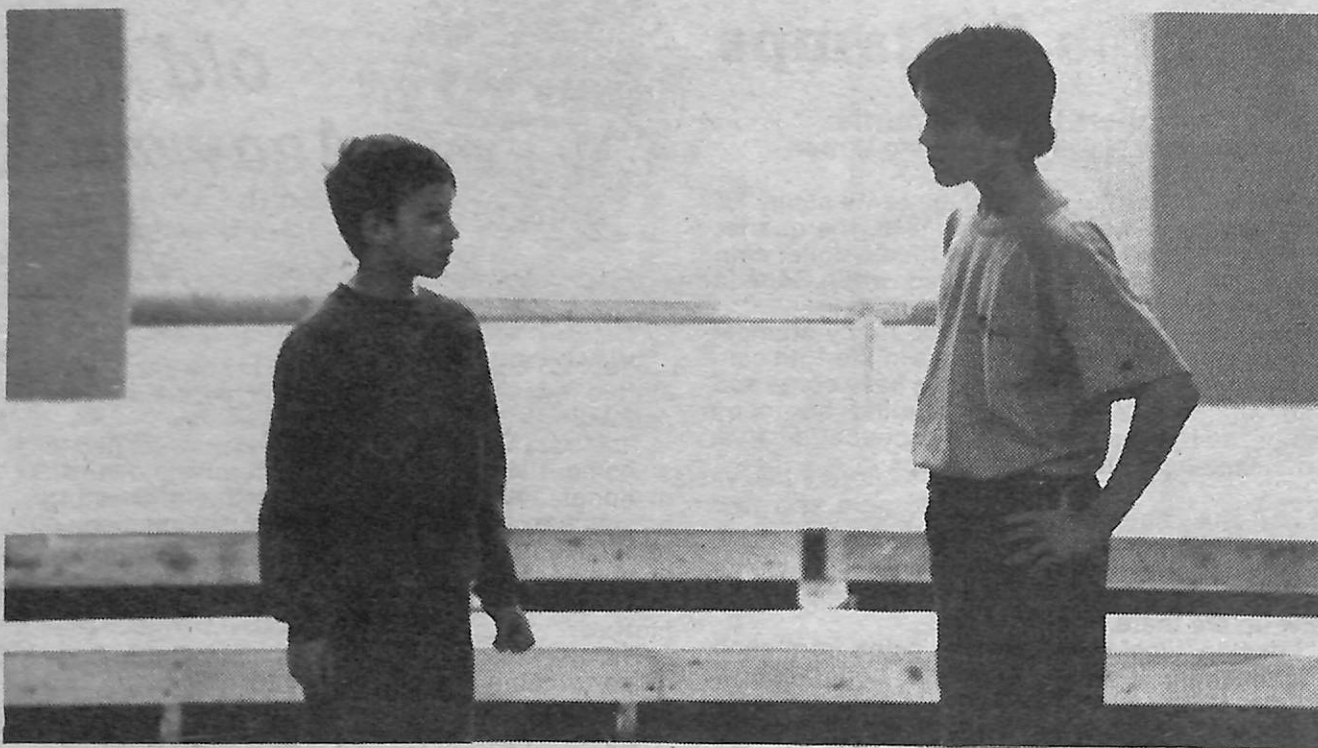
Michael Douglas, in a recent interview, discussed his character, referring to "an element of violence in us all." Here he unleashes that violent edge, giving a provocative violent edge to what was supposed to be a loving relationship, making brutality seem like a desirable adjunct to love instead of the act of violence it is.

I have nothing against a good thriller, but my basic instincts guessed the ending long before it happened, and the predictability (if one is an ardent crime story buff) is frustrating. *Basic Instinct* is a disturbing film with rough edges and, to my way of thinking, could have held an NC-17 even in its current edited version. It's rough stuff.

### —Tropic of Cancer

*Tropic of Cancer*, starring Rip Torn as the rough-edge, foul-mouthed author Henry Miller, is a

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JORDAN PAGE (right) is the crown Prince and Adam Cardinal-Stakenas as Louis in *The King & I*.

## Westfield Theatre Group Putting Final Touch On Upcoming "King & I" Musical

The Westfield Theatre Group is putting the final touches on its 1992 spring musical, Rodgers & Hammerstein's *The King & I*, directed by Bob Laviolette.

It features Allan McPherson as the King, and Paula Cardinal as Anna, the English schoolmistress who comes to teach the people of Siam. Crown Prince Chaula Chulalongkorn is portrayed by Agawam student, Jordan Page.

Several Feeding Hills residents join the cast of WTG, including Jackie Gilmartin, as one of the Royal Wives/Singers. Her son, Jason, along with fellow high school students, Brian King and Chris Benjamin, bring their presence to the stage as the Royal Guards of the Palace. The British Diplomat, Sir Edward Ramsay, is played by Neal Musante,

also of Feeding Hills.

Many of the beautiful costumes in the show are being rented and funds are being raised by a raffle. There are two tickets available to a Broadway matinee of *The Phantom of the Opera* and tickets are available through any WTG member or at any of the performances.

Tickets for *The King & I* are available at the Westfield Woman's Club Monday, Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. or by calling 730-4638. Show dates are March 28th, April 3rd, 4th, 10th and 11th at 8:00 p.m., with 2:00 p.m. matinees on April 4th and 11th.

We invite all to come and enjoy an evening of fine entertainment.

## Champagne Reception For Ag. Repertory

The Agawam Repertory Theater is celebrating Premiere Weekend at its new location, The Red Door Theater at the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills, with a champagne reception at 7:00 p.m. on March 28th.

Civic and community leaders as well as members of the Arts and Humanities Council have been invited to attend the reception and ART's production of the hilarious British Comedy *Move Over Mrs. Markham*.

ART is excited about its new home and encourages strong community support to enable it to grow and become an important part of the community.

*Move Over Mrs. Markham* is playing March 27th, 28th and April 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Curtain is 8:00 p.m.

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## The Silent World Of Coins & Stamps

by Robert D. Chadbourne  
Advertiser News Contributing Writer

What is the lure? We've had the same penny for 83 years, the same dime since 1946, the quarter since '32, the half since '64. We tried a dollar coin with Susan B. Anthony that failed, while Canada tried one depicting a loon that soared.

We have too few coins and too many stamps. We began sticking them on letters in the 15th century, and since then, 700 countries have come and gone or come and stayed, creating so many stamps that unless one limits a collection to a particular subject matter, one drops from exhaustion.

I had an assignment to cover a coin and stamp show recently, and they all seem to do all right. On the one hand, the flat economy holds down the customers, but on the other hand, people who show up are there to buy.

"I deal in 'type' coins, sample coins from each denomination," Carl Miller of East Longmeadow told me. Miller, who finds a regional show every weekend, bemoans the recent failure in Congress to pass a bill that would have changed the reverse sides of existing coins.

Dealers hoped the bill would help increase interest in collecting by youngsters presently hooked on the financial rewards of baseball card collecting.

"It's hard for kids to concentrate on coins with those 'stupid' baseball cards," David Long, a dealer from Troy, New York, told me, stressing that yes indeed he had used the word "stupid."

"The big companies never destroy their plates. They can make an identical card 20 years from now, and by selling a few at various locations around the country, they can control the price of a card," he explained.

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What was hot? Anything that was good quality in any price range. It seemed the down economy found collectors jumping at coins they had previously felt were priced out of their market.

Some hedge on coins by also dealing with tokens and medals. There are endless collections in military, political, World's Fairs, auto, and electrical theme.

World War I and II insignia and decorations are very popular now. A common medal might bring \$5 or \$6, while a signed Purple Heart might fetch \$50.

Some collect the metal, but others collect the work of the person who designed it. "We get them out of estates, or when there's no one to pass them on to, or there's just no more interest. It can be sad sometimes," Robert Moffatt, a dealer from Auburn, MA, told me.

Someone new to coin collecting might do better to order uncirculated sets from the Bureau of the Mint. The American Numismatic Association guesses Americans spend one-million dollars on bogus coins.

You also need a current catalog because prices soar in both directions. In 1977, a 1939-D Jefferson nickel brought \$1.25. It gets \$5 today.

In 1977, a 1927-D Double Eagle (\$20 gold coin) commanded \$12,500. Plan on spending \$200,000 today if you can find one.

None of it excites me, but you should see how it excites a lot of people.



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**Agawam**  
by Edith LaFrancis  
Town Historian

### Precinct Lines

Precinct boundary lines have, in the past, been shifted many times to fit changing conditions and population.

The first families who settled in Agawam had to cross the Connecticut for church and town meetings. When a West Springfield meeting house was built, most of the Agawam people transferred membership to it. In 1758, with 112 people assessed for taxes, the Agawam area was designated as the 6th Parish or precinct of Springfield.

The line ditch, dividing Inner and Outer Commons (at Line Street), served to bound the two areas to be "warned" by the two constables of this precinct on approaching meetings.

In 1800, the area of Agawam was divided into two parishes or precincts, the Commons Line being resurveyed at that time. A manufacturing center grew up at the mouth of Three Mile Brook near what is now Riverside, with a consequent rise in population in that section.

Some years, as many as 80 pupils were crowded into the small south school.

The establishment of mills at Mittineague in 1836 started growth in that section, which previously had but three or four houses and not even a bridge over the Agawam. By 1894, it had grown so fast as to be a village, a unit in itself.

The old Parish line was given up entirely as a precinct boundary. Mittineague Village so called was designated as precinct A, its boundaries roughly Springfield Street to White's brook up through Deep Gutter to the River.

On April 2nd, 1894, this precinct contained 104 legal voters. All the rest of Agawam from the Connecticut River to Southwick and Westfield bounds was named Precinct B, with 341 voters.



THE OLD TOWN HALL in Agawam Center.

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Population and business activity had increased in Feeding Hills and was aided by the railroad, which was built in 1897 through Tariffville, West Suffield, and Feeding Hills to a junction with the Boston & Albany in West Springfield.

In the State and Federal election of 1900, Precinct A voted in the basement of Mittineague school, and all the rest of the town at Feeding Hills. Town meetings alternated between Agawam and Feeding Hills Town Halls. The Town Clerk has to "alternate," too, keeping certain office hours in both places.

In 1902, Precinct B was divided into B and C, again making use of the old Parish Line. In April 1909, Precinct A was enlarged and the boundaries of B and C changed to accommodate changes in population. Continued growth in 1953 made it necessary to establish five precincts.

And since then, with a population over 15,000, it was necessary to change boundaries again, making six precincts. (At the present time, there are seven precincts in all.)

### MOVIES - from P. 27

roughly dubbed, poorly made French film recounting Henry's days in Paris: days, weeks and months spent mooching off friends, sharing lovers—a sexual romp with an abundance of nudity and an excess of vulgarity told in colossally boring fashion with a 1960's look totally at odds with the book it is based on.

The best thing Miller fans can do is opt for a replay of the more recent *Henry and June* and skip this vintage clip altogether.

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ArtMarket is a project of the Young Patrons of the Springfield Library & Museums that benefits children's art education programs at the Springfield Art Museums. This year's event is being chaired by Betsy Stone Berman.

Each year more than 10,000 schoolchildren from throughout western New England tour the Museum of Fine Arts and the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum. Thousands more attend young people's art courses and participate in family activities for such special exhibitions as *Babar* and the *Eye of the Angel*.

In addition to the exhibition and sale, ongoing events on April 5th will include a silent auction of works by 16 of the participating exhibitors, and a demonstration of sketching and painting by artist Donald Wilhelm of Northampton, an instructor at the School of the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum.

Also, an exhibition of children's art by the students of the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, a treasure hunt through the museum's galleries, and a demonstration on matting and framing techniques.

A cafe offering light fare by Farrell's will be open from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

A special talk on "Trends in Collecting: A Review of the '80s; A Forecast for the '90s" will be presented at 2:00 p.m. by Gloria Lieberman, vice president of Skinner, Inc., Boston and Bolton.

Then at 3:00 p.m., there will be a free concert by Brass in the Afternoon at the City Library.

Tickets for ArtMarket are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children six to 18 years of age, and children under six are free (Includes admission ticket to all four museums at the Quadrangle). For Library & Museums members, tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

In addition to the Sunday events, a preview ArtMarket Ball will be held Saturday night, April 4th. Please call (413) 739-3871, extension 266, for ticket information and reservations.

The museum is located at the Quadrangle, at State and Chestnut Streets. Free parking for this and for all activities of the Springfield Library & Museums is available in the lots on State Street and on Edwards Street.

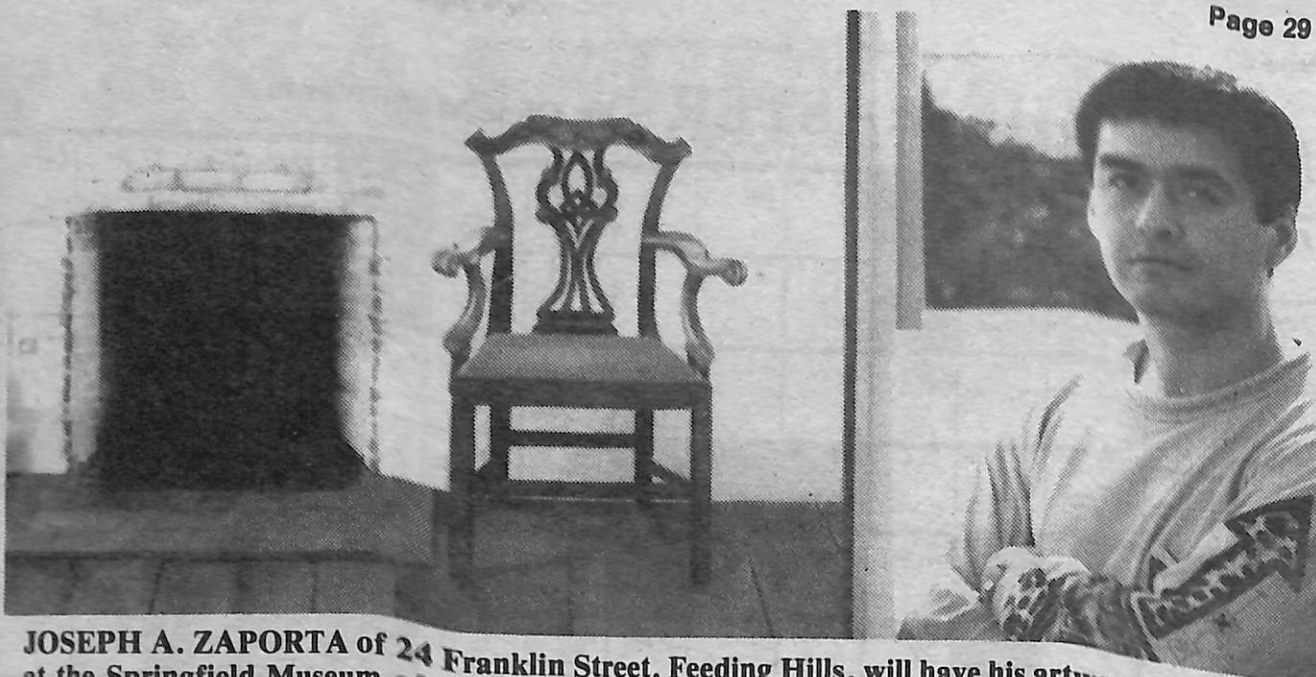
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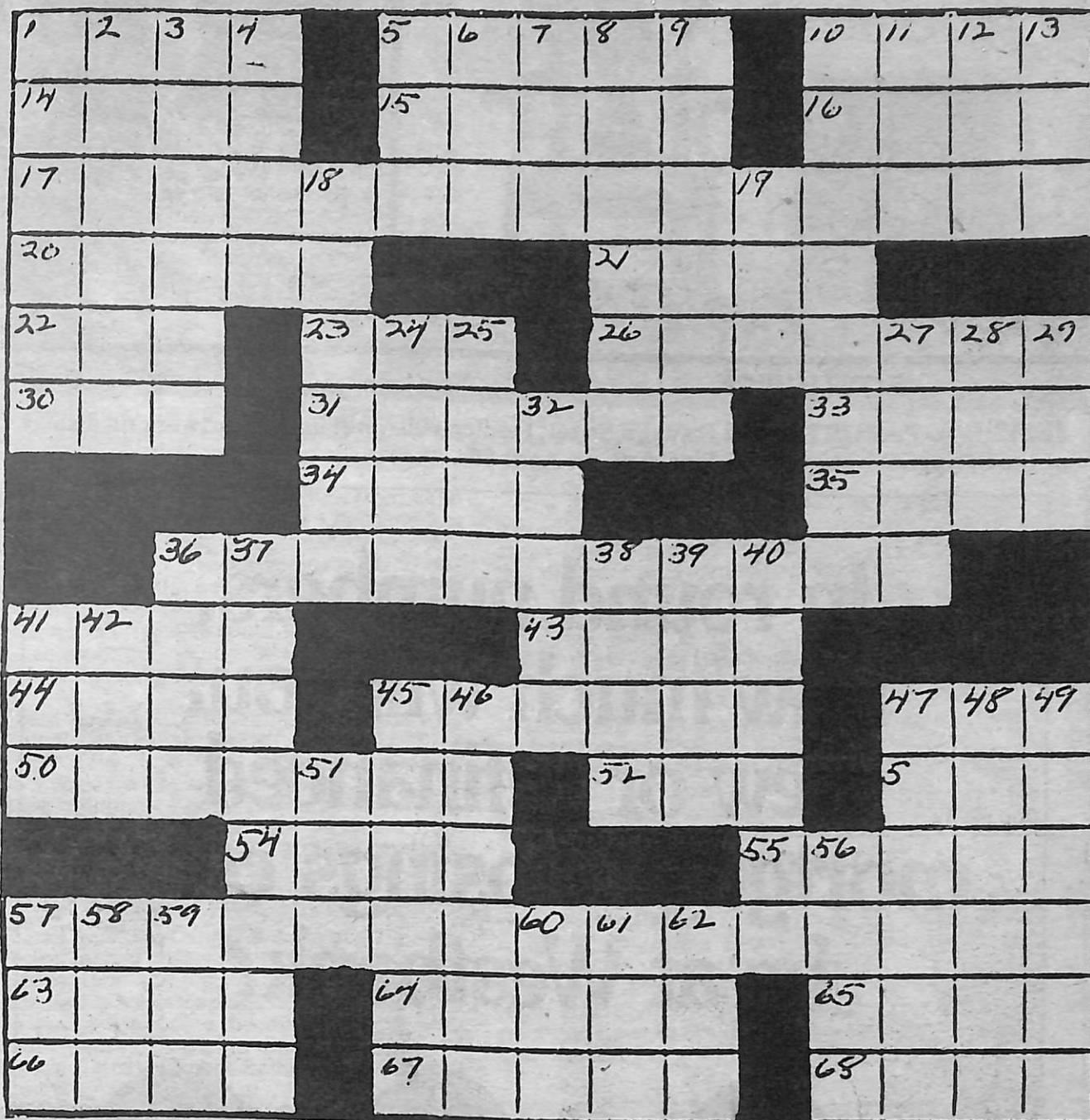
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Katherine C. Lancour

(Editor's Note: Kay Lancour is a member of the Anne Sullivan Committee. She is also a direct descendant of Anne Sullivan.)

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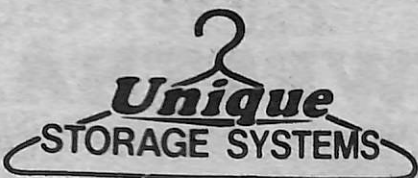
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## Agawam Repetory Theatre Preparing To Move Into New Feeding Hills Home

The final stage of renovation is in progress at the area's newest Performing Arts Center.

Located on the campus of the Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, the complex boasts a large rehearsal hall and a 125-seat performance space in the large recreational building adjacent to the Valley Community Church.

The brainchild of Dr. Bob Murray, pastor of the church, the Center will be the new home of the Agawam Repetory Theatre (A.R.T.), the Hilltop Players, and STAGE Young People's Productions.

The renovations started last November and included the dismantling of the former day care center, as well as transforming the hall into a performance area to be known as the Red Door Theatre.

Volunteers from the church, A.R.T., and Klt and Kaboodle/STAGE Productions devoted many hours and much energy to the project.

"It has been remarkable what has been accomplished, considering our limited funds and workforce," said Lyle Pearsons of STAGE, who helped direct much of the reconstruction.

"Thank goodness for some experienced people who came to our aid when we encountered any major technical problems."

Pearsons noted the valuable assistance of Zbigniew Lewantowicz, whose architectural company provided much of the guidance for the group's endeavor.

Pearsons also cited the contributions of Brian Keeley and Joe Fitzpatrick, I.B.E.W. members of Local No. 7 in Springfield, and Norman Steadman of A-Z Services.

Cll Long, President of A.R.T., also praised members of Valley Community Church and of her community theatre group. A.R.T. left Moses Hall on The Big E grounds to return to Agawam in the hopes of establishing themselves permanently in their hometown after years of being "on the road" without a homebase.

"This is a very exciting time for our theatre troupe," said Ms. Long, "one that we've waited a long time for."

The group opens the new theatre this weekend on March 26th, 27th, and 28th with the farce *Move Over Mrs. Markham* and continues its run on April 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

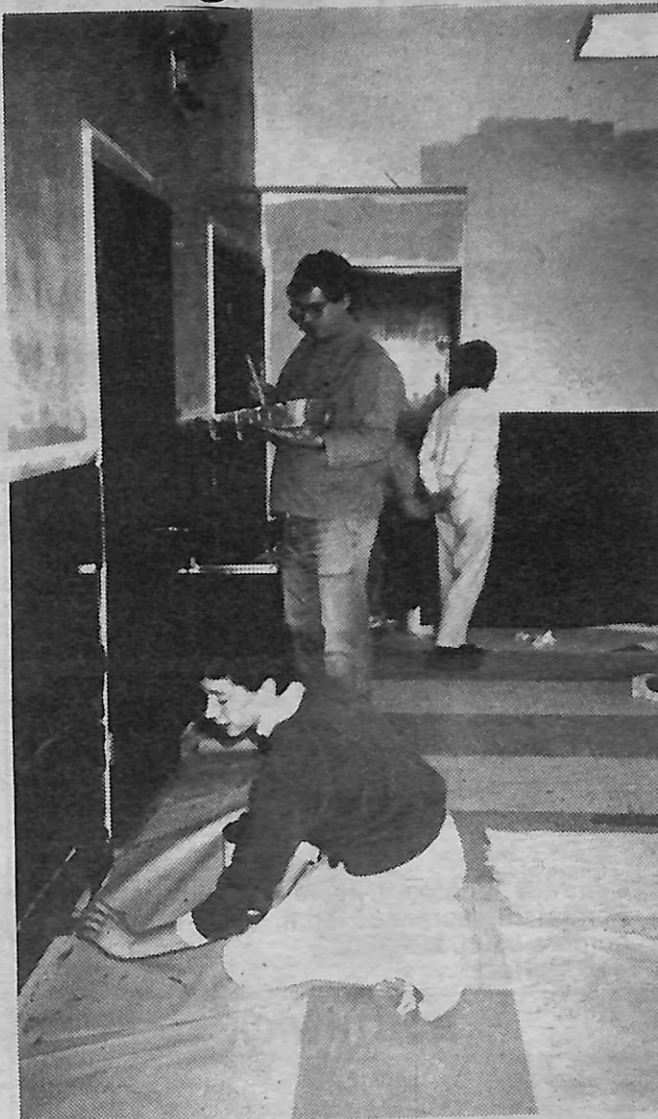
"All of this is rejuvenating our group, and we are finding a welcome source of new people for both backstage and onstage work from the surrounding community," continued Ms. Long.

Many members of the church have also shown their support for the Center and are sponsoring a fundraiser on Saturday, April 11th, at 5:00 p.m. by way of a church supper, to be followed by family entertainment performed by Klt and Kaboodle Productions.

The co-producers of this well-known musical duo—Lyle Pearsons of Suffield and Margie Secora of Southwick—are also directors of STAGE, which is one of the aforementioned performance groups to be located at the new Valley Community Church Performing Arts Center.

Pearsons and Ms. Secora conduct workshops in children's theatre and will be staging their drama camps throughout the year at The Red Door Theatre. Thirty-five young people, ages seven to 15, are already in residence and rehearsing for *Pinocchio*, which is slated for public performance on April 24th, 25th, and 26th.

"We have been looking for a central location between our Connecticut and Massachusetts students," said Ms. Secora, "and the VCCPAC (Valley Community Church Performing Arts Center) meets our needs perfectly."



RENOVATIONS are near completion at the new Red Door Theatre as volunteers participate in Paint Day last Sunday.

"The huge rehearsal room, the spacious grounds, and lovely new stage will provide our students with the freedom to create, and our audiences with an environment to enjoy."

According to Dr. Murray, the Center is not the end of a dream, but just the beginning: "I see the facility being used for many occasions, festivals, plays, concerts with performers, and audiences coming from all over to enjoy the arts."

A.R.T. is hosting a gala opening performance on Saturday, March 28th, to which local dignitaries have been invited. For reservations to *Move Over Mrs. Markham*, call 789-9687.

For those interested in the church supper and the accompanying Klt and Kaboodle concert on Saturday, April 11th, call 786-2445; meanwhile, reservations for STAGE's upcoming performances of *Pinocchio* may be made by calling 589-0318.

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## Museum Curator Guest Of Ag. Arts Council

The Agawam Arts & Humanities Council is pleased to present Kay Nichols, Curator of Education, George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum and the Museum of Fine Arts, Springfield.

The topic of the lecture is "Local Treasures: An Introduction to the Springfield Art Museums." The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Agawam Public Library.

Discover the fascinating story behind the founding of the Springfield Art Museums. During the talk, you will be introduced to George Walter Vincent Smith, a fabulously wealthy financier, who retired from business at the age of 35 to devote his time to traveling throughout Europe and collecting art.

Smith's marriage to Springfield beauty Belle Townsely and their subsequent decision to give their extensive collections to the city will be discussed in a fully-illustrated slide lecture. The talk will also include a "behind the scenes" look at the beginnings of the Museum of Fine Arts, established in 1933.

As Curator of Education, Kay Nichols oversees over 90 docents for the museums and coordinates and teaches classes for the Advanced and Beginning Docent Programs. Along with her many other responsibilities, she is the Project Director for the **French Connection**, a collaboration between the art museums and French 1 classes in Springfield Junior High Schools funded by the Massachusetts Council on the Arts & Humanities.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free lecture. Funding is provided by the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Don't miss the First Friday Series for May featuring Marcia Perlmuter in her role as Caroline Ingles Wilder, author of *Little House on the Prairie*, in the Community Room, Agawam Public Library!

## Soloist Lynn Klock In Concert At Agawam High March 31st

The Agawam High School Music Department will feature both the Concert Band and Jazz Band in a Scholarship Benefit Concert, Tuesday, March 31st, at 7:30 p.m.

Special guests at this concert will be saxophone soloist Lynn Klock. He is in demand as a soloist and recitalist throughout the United States and beyond. He has toured as a soloist in the British and American Virgin Islands, and has the distinction of being the first saxophonist to be presented at the Warsaw Philharmonic Recital Series in Poland.

Klock can be heard on CRI, Mark, Orion, and Open Loop Records. His third solo album was just released - on CD for Open Loop Records.

Tickets for this concert are available from any AHS Band member or by calling the Agawam High School Music Department, 789-1400, extension 410.

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# Education

## Jr. High 1-Act Play Receives High Marks For Student Actors

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

The Agawam Junior High School Drama Club produced a hilarious one-act play for students, parents, and relatives on Friday the 13th this month.

The comedy, entitled "Song of the Mounties," included live music accompaniment on the piano by Amy Wisniewski and had audiences "eating from the palm of their hand"! Ironically, the scene opened at Claudette Beaucoup's Trading Post in Canada with "frozen fish sticks" being served.

Zachariah Pumphandle (Kevin Tampone) confided to Miss Beaucoup (Katie Brummer) that he had discovered gold—and since his discovery, two attempts had been made on his life!

He then entrusts Claudette with a map "as proof of his claim," in case anything should happen to him.

Enter Dirty Jake LePew (Justin Casinighino) and the plot begins to thicken. As if "smelling a rat" weren't bad enough, LePew finds Mayo River (Becky White) and Skipalong (T.J. Gontczaruk) to help him with his devious plan to shoot poor Zach and blame the murder on the loyal Sargent Bob Sledd (Al Albano), dedicated to right and the Canadian Mounties.

### The Plot Thickens

Sgt. Sledd plans to wed Claudette, but their plans are run amuck by the murder charges, and Mayo claims to be a witness to add to the mayhem! (She is a scorned woman with rejected advances toward Sgt. Sledd.)

LePew tries to force Claudette to marry him and turn over the map, and when she refuses—it's the sawmill for her. To the rescue is her ever-faithful mountie, Sgt. Sledd (just in the "nick" of time).

Judge Knott (Michael Bagetta), Zach's niece Lizzie Tish (Justine Craven), Tall Timber Tess (Gina Cincotta), Mathilda Dogwood (Megan Shannon), Mrs. Muchmoney (Amber Paradysz), Princess Redwing (Cindi Alfano), Sabrina (Carrie Janik), and Lily Pond (Melanie Guillemette) each listen to the evidence against Sgt. Sledd to decide his guilt or innocence.

The most impressive witness ends up being Zach "in the flesh," and he literally "points the finger" at Dirty LePew. Even Yukon Mutt (Kevin Bovat) can't help but take a bite out of this crime to finish a play that left him, and audiences, howling.

SEE ONE-ACT PLAY - Page 34...



JUNIOR HIGH CAST MEMBERS from the hilarious one-act play called "Song of the Mounties." photos by Jack Devine.



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## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, March 30th:** Cheese pizza, seasoned green beans, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

**Tuesday, March 31st:** Cheeseburger in roll, steamed rice, seasoned broccoli, pineapple tidbits or vanilla pudding, milk.

**Wednesday, April 1st:** Rotini with meat sauce, tossed garden salad with creamy dressing, bread & butter, peachy jello with topping, milk.

**Thursday, April 2nd:** Sliced turkey sandwich in roll with lettuce & mayonnaise, oven French fries with catsup, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

**Friday, April 3rd:** Baked macaroni with Kraft cheese sauce, seasoned krinkle cut carrots, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, apple crisp, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the **Agawam School Lunch**.)

### JR. HIGH DRAMA - from Page 33...

#### Behind-The-Scenes Personnel

Courtney Limbert, Kim Faust, Allsa Harvey, Carlie Janik, Cindi Alfano, and Kerrie Demers handled the props. Advisors Charles Condon, Pamela Skroback, and Brenda McDade were assisted by Donna Watson and Karen Shugrue (all staff members at the school).

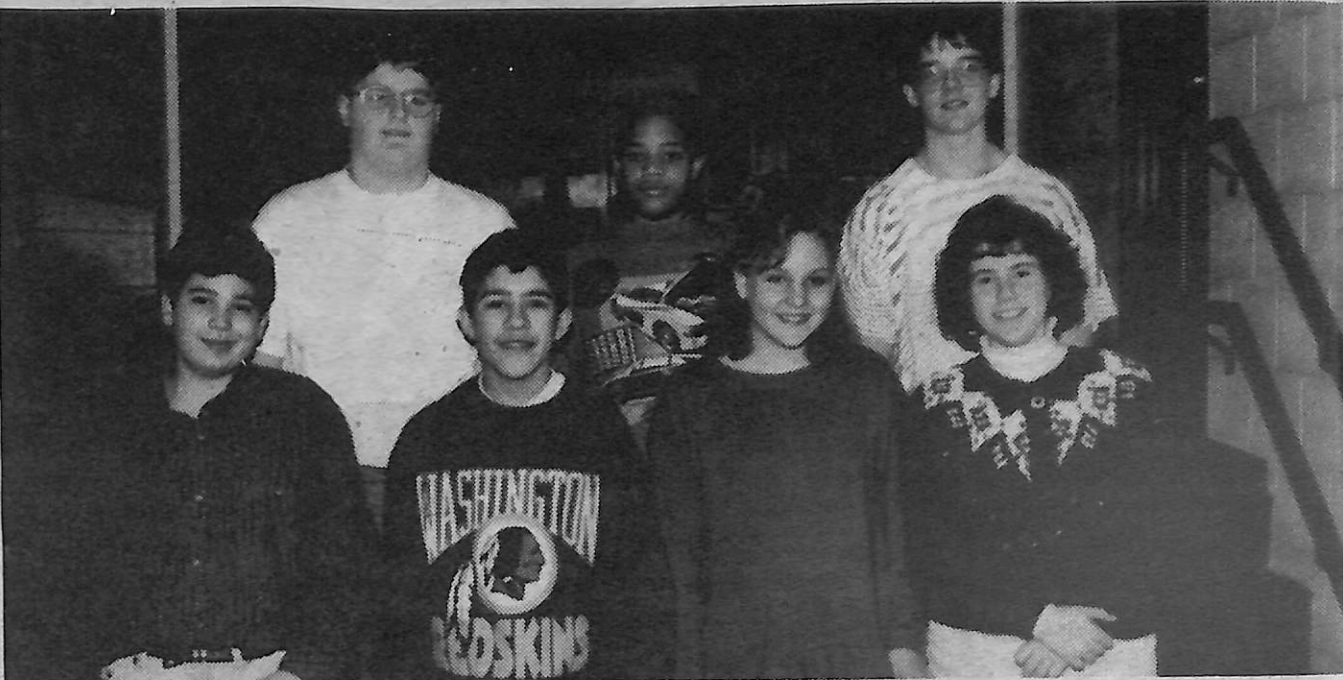
Mr. Condon said, "They were great. I was a little worried with the ad libs at first, but they did wonderfully."

Principal John Ferraro thanked the Drama Club and Mr. Condon for an "outstanding performance," and the audience agreed with an encore applause of appreciation.

And that, as they say, is the "Song of the Mounties."

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## Star Musicians At Junior High



AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH music students who were selected for District Band and Jazz Band honors included, front row - Michael Baggetta, Matt Feato, Amy Wisniewski, and Katie Brumer. Back row - Justin Casinghino, Alan Blake, and Nathan Frailey. STORY AND MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## New Instructional Trust Fund In Schools Will Be Explained In Special Brochure

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

Agawam residents will soon be able to peruse a brochure explaining the newly-established Instructional Materials Trust Fund, due to the efforts of Feeding Hills resident Thomas Tierney.

Tierney is a sixth grade educator in Connecticut and was instrumental in initiating legislation for this fund. The bill was sponsored by State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) and strongly supported by State Senator Linda Melconian. The trust fund legislation was passed at the beginning of this year.

Mayor Christopher Johnson is still accepting applications from parents in Agawam interested in serving on the board of trustees for distribution of interest from the Instructional Materials Trust Fund. The principle balance will remain in the fund and grow through efforts by the board of trustees.

The Mayor must appoint two Agawam elemen-

tary school parents and two Agawam secondary school parents to serve on the board of trustees. Resident parents are encouraged to send a letter of interest to the Mayor at 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

The superintendent of schools in Agawam will serve as chairman of the board of trustees for I.M.T.F. along with two members of the Agawam School Committee.

The Agawam Educators Association (A.E.A.) will appoint two elementary and two secondary grade level teachers, and the superintendent will also appoint one school administrator from each level. The total board of trustees will consist of 13 to 15 appointees.

Johnson plans to have the board in place and the trust fund in order by the end of this month. In February, the Agawam Town Council approved over \$22,000 in funds to establish funding for the I.M.T.F.'s initial allotment.

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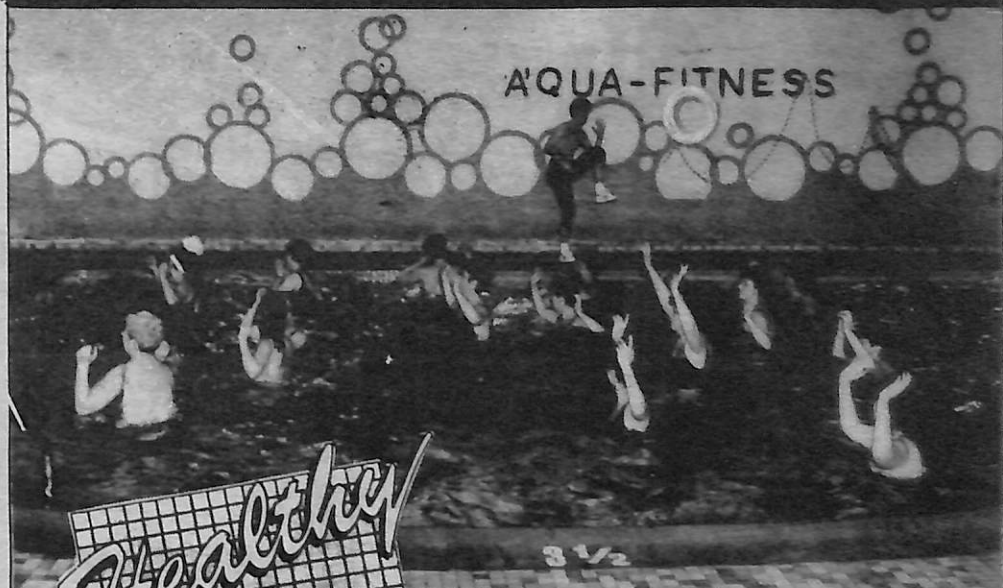
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## District Awards For Jr. High Musicians

The Agawam Junior High School Music Department is proud to recognize the students who have been selected for this year's Western District Junior High School Festival.

The following students were selected for band: Katie Brumer, flute; Amy Wisniewski, flute; Matt Feato, bass clarinet; Alan Blake, alto saxophone; Michael Baggetta, trombone; Nathan Fralley, trombone; and Justin Caslinghino was selected to play tenor sax in jazz band.

These AJHS students were selected for district treble chorus: Ryan Bauman, Justine Craven, Emily Gomez, Jennifer Mattoon, Heather Plowman, Erin Hanson, David Kellogg, and Stephanie O'Brien.

Five boys from Agawam performed with the district baritone chorus. They included Drake Descant, John Higgins, Phillip McGeoghan, Jordan Page, and Steven Sands.

These AJHS students were selected from several hundred students from more than 30 schools. The concert took place at Bellamy Middle School in Chicopee on Saturday, March 14th.

## Middle School PTO News & Notes...

The Agawam Middle School PTO met on March 2nd in the school cafeteria. There were 15 people in attendance.

PTO news includes the Food Mart Register Tapes campaign went well. The PTO has purchased the following equipment, including keyboard piano, RCA VCR (2), RCA Color TV (2), Audio Visual Equipment projector, and baseball bats.

PTO nominations for the 1992-93 school year will be sent home around April 1st. Please return by April 29th. Anyone who wishes to volunteer and did not receive a form, please contact Donna Shibley at 786-3888.

There will be a spring dance for sixth graders on Friday, May 29th, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. A disc jockey will be there for the entertainment.

Faculty member Lee Hazelton is in need of sheets that can be dyed or green materials for the play, HEY GEORGE! The play is under the direction of teachers Louis Spiro, Ms. Hazelton, and Evelyn Lester. The show times include April 1st at 7:00 p.m. (for parents); April 2nd, 1:15 p.m. (for 5th graders); April 3rd, 1:15 p.m. (sixth graders).

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The next PTO meeting will be Monday, April 6th, at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All parents are urged to attend.

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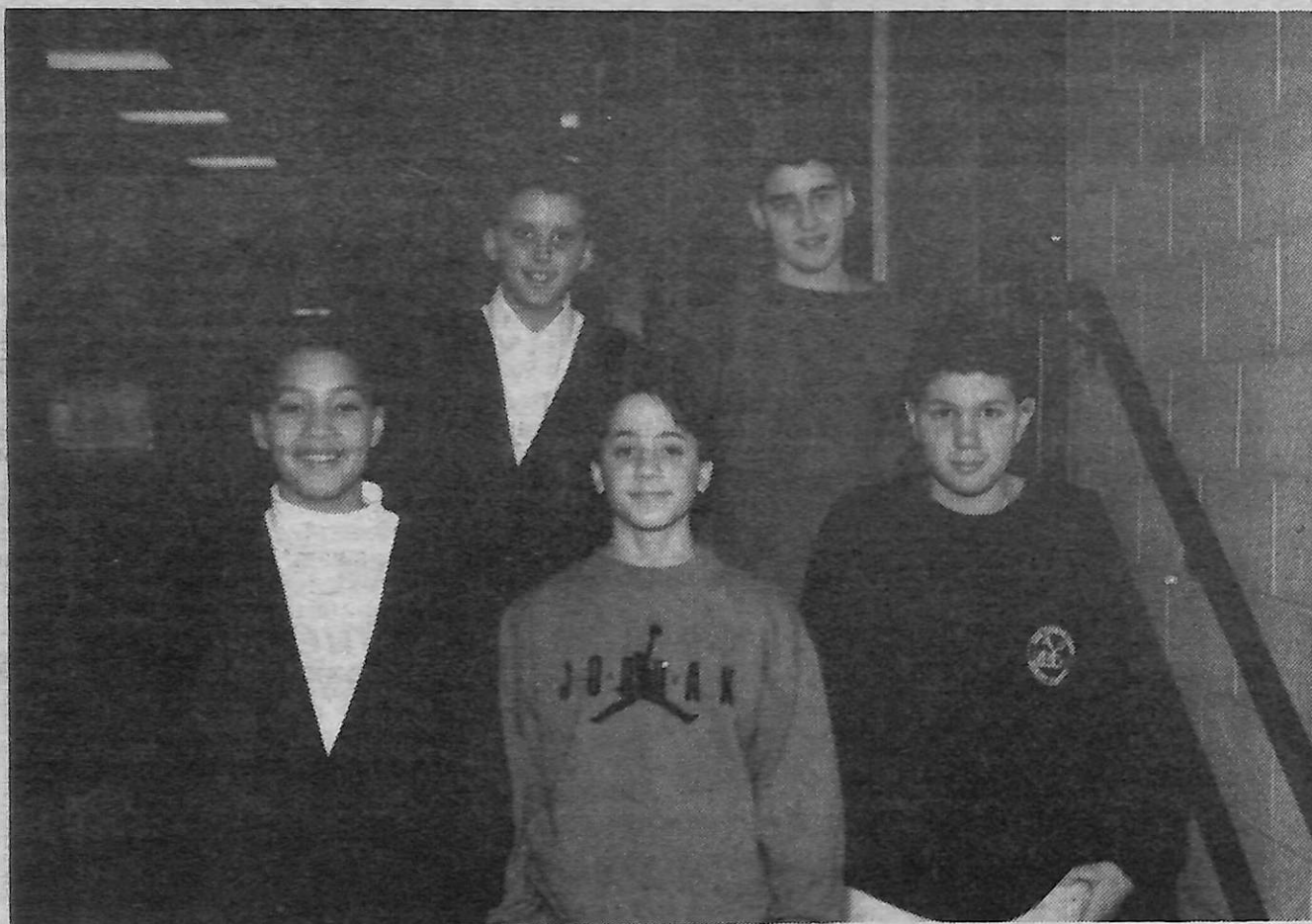
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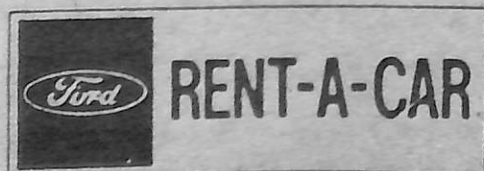


**BARITONE CHORUS MEMBERS** from the Agawam Junior High include, back row - Drake Descant and John Higgins; Front row - Phil McGeoghan, Jordan Page, and Steven Sands.

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## Thelma Meadon Lib. Dedicated At Robinson Park

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

On Tuesday, March 10th, Robinson Park Elementary School held a formal ceremony for the dedication of the Thelma E. Meadon Library. Miss Meadon passed away in 1991 and was a former school principal. She served in that post when the school library began.

Current Principal William Sapelli welcomed students, staff, and honored guests in the auditorium to remember Miss Meadon, who was also a principal at the former Faolin Pierce Elementary School (now the Agawam Police Station).

Sapelli said the idea to dedicate the library in Miss Meadon's name came from retired Pierce School teacher Eloise Clark of Feeding Hills. "Everyone thought it was a wonderful idea and the School Committee did dedicate the library in Thelma's honor on February 26th, 1991," said Sapelli.

Sapelli said a bronze plaque will be mounted on the library's wall in the near future. He said Miss Meadon continued her commitment to the library during her retirement years with annual contributions.

### Spoke About History

Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno spoke about the history of the library. He said he had the privilege of having Miss Meadon as his sixth grade teacher. "She had a profound influence on me, her students, and teachers as well. I'm also very proud that I had the opportunity to work with her as a fellow administrator. So, it is only fitting that today we recognize all that she has done for this community and Robinson School by dedicating this library in her honor," said Bruno.

Bruno noted that when Miss Meadon retired, her successor, Barbara Skolnick (who Sapelli replaced when she retired), carried on the tradition of promoting reading and the school library.

Sapelli boasted that the bridge constructed along the back wall of the auditorium and spanning the breadth of the room listed each child's name that participated in the month-long Read-A-Loud Program at the school.

"Each child that read a book or had a book read to them received credit during the month of February. Many of you (school administrators,



**DIGNITARIES WHO ATTENDED** the dedication of the Thelma Meadon Library at Robinson Park School included, from left - James V. Bruno, superintendent of schools; Christopher C. Johnson, mayor; Barbara Skolnick, former Robinson principal; Kathie Kida, PTO president; Dorothy Meadon, Thelma's sister; Eloise Clark, former Robinson teacher; and Carol Brennan, former Robinson librarian. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

parents, some Town Councillors and School Committee members) were gracious enough to come into our school and read to our students. There are close to 2,500 names up on the wall in imitation bricks."

Sapelli said the popular Read-A-Loud Program was a testament to Mrs. Skolnick, "who began the program here many years ago. We also credit the Adelphi Committee who put in a lot of hours building that bridge," noted Sapelli.

He praised the efforts of faculty members Pat Burnette and Andrew Bower for their assistance and time in the project.

### Books Are Vital

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, chairman of the School Committee, stressed to students the importance of their library and introduced the elected officials in attending, including School Committee member Roberta Doering, and Town Councillors Jessie Fuller (president), Richard Brindle (vice-president), George Blitzas, Louis Russo, and James Taylor.

Johnson remembered that Miss Meadon was school principal when he attended that elemen-

tary school. He said, "Books are probably one of the most important things in your life (or they should be). Each of you should try going down to your library and taking out a book. I'd bet you shock your parents if you said, 'mom, dad, I'm not going to watch TV tonight - I'm going to read a book instead. And you could learn something new.'"

Honored guests included Dorothy Meadon, Miss Meadon's sister; Mrs. Skolnick, principal at Robinson from 1975 to 1990; Kathleen Kida, PTO president; and Carol Brennan, a teacher who was instrumental in starting the library with Miss Meadon and the school's first librarian).

A plaque with the names of these contributors will also be hung in the library. Sapelli praised Mrs. Kida and the school PTO, who he called "invaluable to the library."

Sapelli also thanked the school's Library Committee, which includes present Librarian Linda Orr, and teachers Kirk Parker and Andrew Bower, who Sapelli said spent the last year preparing for this formal dedication.

## Lisa Connery Interning At Harper Robinson & Company

Lisa Connery, a senior at Simmons College, is currently interning at Harper Robinson & Company. Her responsibilities include preparing quotes and export documents.

Ms. Connery is the daughter of Thomas and Barbara Connery of Robin Ridge Drive, Feeding Hills. She is a graduate of Agawam High School.

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## AHS Ninth Grader Xuan Ly Places Second In "Create An Ad" Contest Of Union News

Xuan Ly, a ninth grade student in Mrs. Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal's Art I class at the high school, took second place in the *Springfield Union News* "Create An Ad" contest.

His picture and winning ad appeared in the newspaper's EDUCATION insert on Wednesday, March 18th.

This is only the second time since the contest's inception that the local high school has been notified of the contest and has taken part. Both times they have had a winner.

The assignment the high school art students

had this year was "The Willmanson Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers," located in Chicopee. It was a hard subject for the students to deal with at this age level, but the exposure was personally rewarding.

Xuan Ly is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cuong Vinh Ly of 117 Silver Street, Agawam, and was born in Vietnam in 1978.

He will receive a cash prize of \$50 from the newspaper for his effort. Both of Xuan's sisters, Quan and Phung, are also in the art program at the high school.

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## Theatre & Poetry Topics Of Lecturer At Agawam Junior High School

by Irls Copson  
School Dept. Editor

Miniature Theater's founding director, Vincent Dowling, visited Agawam Junior High School students with a bit of inspiration this month. Dowling opened the theater in Chester during the summer of 1990 with the play *Mr. Dooley's America* by Phillip Dunne and Martin Blaine.

Dowling's visit to the school to talk about theater, poetry, and inspiration is one of the many outreach activities he has been involved with over the past two years. He has lectured on the arts at Westfield State College and has done many benefit performances.

He donated his performance in *A Christmas Carol* to the Pittsfield Public Theater and at radio stations in Northampton, Holyoke, Westfield, Springfield, and Albany for the theater's visiting artists and resident artistic team discussions.

Dowling's past accomplishments include acting for 20 years in the National Theatre in Ireland. "I was the director of the Abbey and just retired two years ago," said Dowling. For 10 years, he also directed the Shakespeare Festival in Ohio.

"I suppose I've played every major capital in the world," remarked the charming actor. Dowling also performed "three one-person presentations at the White House during the Reagan years."

He has written and produced some plays, poetry, and will receive a doctorate from Westfield State College this May. He also has a doctorate from John Carol University in Cleveland.

### The Importance of Imagination

Dowling captured his audience in the classroom by asking them what makes people special. He told students, "Imagination sets us apart from other animals and that's what acting is all about."

To warm up his pupils and relax them, he had students get out of their seats and practice some stretching, relaxing, and breathing exercises.

"Accenting the consonants" is very important to an actor's performance because it is necessary

for the audience to capture the essence of the words at the appropriate time they are being portrayed. Dowling also remarked that "Images" helped actors to remember things.

After teaching the students to "get all their air out" in order to teach them that the secret of voice projection was in "breathing," he spoke about poetry and other expressions of art that helped people to "get their feelings out."

Dowling eloquently recited the poem "The Cremation of Sam McGee" from memory, animating the words with inflection, expression, and inspiration.

He followed his performance with a tale of a near-death experience of his own and shared a poetic prose that he wrote to help him deal with his "brush with death." The work was entitled "What is Death?"

### Art "Makes Sense" Of One's Life

Dowling quoted American poet Robert Penn Warren, saying, "Art is something that makes sense of your life" in explaining how the poem has helped him to put this terrifying trauma into proper perspective.

Student Ray LaValley (eighth grade) also shared a poem from memory that he had written during a tornado. "Instead of being a negative force on you, it becomes a positive because you now possess it," Dowling remarked on writing.

He concluded the class presentation with a short play, saying, "A play is an interaction between people in a world that has been created in their imaginations. The audience is part of the show in live theater."

"The quality of your reaction affects the actor — makes them comfortable, makes them better or worse. That's why people who go to live theater won't have anything else."

Each class presentation that he does varies, depending on the perception Dowling perceives during the first few moments of his reception.



ACTOR VINCENT DOWLING paid a visit recently to the Junior High class of faculty member Dennis Moran to discuss theatre and poetry with the students. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Kindergarten Information Night Being Held By Agawam Schools April 8th

In preparation for Agawam's Kindergarten Registration a parent information night will be held on Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. at Granger School.

Parents of all children entering kindergarten in September 1992 are invited to attend. The pro-

gram will be to answer questions parents might have in regard to their child entering school in September.

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## Bay Path College Adds Special Concentrations To Degree Offerings

Bay Path College announces the addition of special concentrations in two of its baccalaureate degree programs. Students in the bachelor of science in business degree program may choose a concentration in accounting, and those in the bachelor of arts in psychology program may choose criminal justice.

Bay Path offers accounting and criminal justice majors at the associate degree level and, through the college's two-plus-two degree sequence, students will be able to take further specialized career courses if they continue at Bay Path for a bachelor's degree.

According to the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* developed by the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of accountants is expected to grow faster than the average through the year 2,000.

This projected 20 to 30 percent increase, the *Handbook* says, is due to the key role these workers play in the management of all types of businesses, adding that since financial information must be developed and reported regardless of the state of the economy, accountants rarely lose their jobs when other workers are laid off during hard economic times.

"Accounting is a field in which women have a strong foothold," said Dr. Shirley M.C. Johnson, Bay Path academic dean. "More women today are choosing accounting as a field and with our baccalaureate concentration, we believe graduates will be better prepared to step into attractive positions, and they should also have a wider range of job opportunities."

Among the upper level courses included in the curriculum are Business and Accounting Information Systems, Auditing, and Tax Accounting, as well as a six-credit internship. Bay Path is also currently the site for a CPS exam review course.

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Criminal justice is a rapidly expanding profession as federal and state monies continue to be allocated for the apprehension and rehabilitation of youth and adult offenders, according to Dr. Victor J. Milani, professor and coordinator of the Criminal Justice program at Bay Path, as well as 16-year chief of police for the town of Brimfield.

He noted that in the area of corrections alone, the Federal Bureau of Prisons is planning to open a total of six new facilities in 1992-93 at the rate of one every other month across the country.

"Criminal justice professionals have indicated that graduates of baccalaureate programs with emphasis in the areas of psychology and criminal justice appear to be the most employable," he said.

Students in Bay Path's associate degree Criminal Justice program may now continue at the baccalaureate level, taking such courses as Corrections in America, Probation and Parole, Psychological Measurement and Evaluation, Principles of Juvenile Procedure, and Counseling Psychology.

They will also serve a six-credit internship at an appropriate criminal justice/correctional facility.

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Presently, Agawam AFS is hosting four foreign students, including Paola Anselmetti (Italy), Jovita Carrasco (Ecuador), Florence Laly (France), and Kris Tuerlinckx (Belgium) are on the year program. These four students are all seniors at Agawam High School. Each arrived last August and will depart in early July after enjoying perhaps the most memorable year of their young lives.

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selected in their home countries. They are chosen on the basis of strong academics, complemented by a full range of outside interests and a sincere desire to share cultures with their hosts.

Agawam AFS is a member of AFS International with its international headquarters based in New York. The AFS New England Office is conveniently located in downtown Springfield. AFS is the largest student exchange organization in the entire world.

Currently, Agawam AFS is sponsoring Erica Fisher, a 1991 graduate of AHS, on a one-year exchange to Denmark.

Agawam AFS, through a community group of volunteers and a full-time faculty advisor at Agawam High School, provides a wide range of support for the students and their host families.

Agawam AFS is also hosting, for the first time, an exchange teacher on the January to July program. The teacher, from Argentina, is living with an Agawam family and team-teaching at Agawam High School.

To become a host family for a student for the 1992-93 academic year, or to receive more information, contact Agawam AFS Chapter members Al Machia (786-0114, evenings), or Ric Sardella (786-7747, days; 789-2005, evenings).

## Agawam Youth Football Association Calls Emergency Meeting About Loss Of Field

The Agawam Youth Football Association is entering the 1992 season standing at a crossroads.

The organization has been informed that it will not be allowed to use the high school football field for its Sunday home games. This decision was reached by the Agawam Department of Public Works, the Park and Recreation Department, and the School Athletic Director.

The reason cited was to maintain the condition of Harmon Smith Field.

Those parents and friends involved with the

reorganization in the last three seasons will recognize that this decision will put an end to one of the association's main sources of revenue. With funding an ongoing need, this puts the future of the Agawam Youth Football in serious jeopardy.

The A.Y.F.A. has called an emergency meeting for all concerned people. Parents of all players and cheerleaders are asked to attend this vital meeting on Monday, March 30th, at the Agawam Town Library.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the community room.

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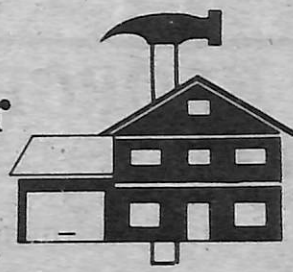
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## Sports

### AHS Wrestler Seeks Donations For Trip To Pittsburg

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

For those of you who are uninitiated, you have probably read just about enough about the Agawam High wrestling team. From these pages, you may have extracted the fact that the Brownies are a wildly successful unit that mows down the opposition with a 40-inch blade.

Certainly enjoying the success that they have had, it wouldn't surprise me if they were a cocky and boastful bunch. Nothing could be further from the truth. For instance, I don't believe that Vinnie Petrangelo and Shawn Rising have said 10 words out loud all winter.

Most of the team has completed its business for the 1991-92 campaign. Last Sunday, they stormed into Longmeadow for the Curt Parker Invitational Takedown Tournament, and the Brownies came home with (surprise!) another trophy.

*Big wheels just keep on turning, I guess.*

**Mike Cooper's "Journey"**

One kid still has a journey to make before he completes the process of Agawam High wrestling. Michael Cooper, the 130-pound State Runner-Up, hopes to get an opportunity to travel to Pittsburgh next weekend to participate in the National High School Wrestling Championships. Cooper qualified with his second-place showing in the State this season.

To say that Cooper was the most entertaining wrestler at Agawam may not be true. Agawam was loaded with guys that shined when the lights were on. But, the thing about young Mr. Cooper was that he was so darn consistent.

Everybody knew exactly what he was going to do—including his opponent. And, Cooper did it anyway!

Pin. Pin. Pin. Pin. That's all Mike Cooper did all season long.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the similarity in appearance to a national celebrity

### Lone AHS Senior Honored At Hoop Banquet



AGAWAM HIGH girls' varsity basketball coach Lou Conte (left) is losing just one member of this year's Western Mass. Division I finalists, and that's starting forward Sheila Martin. Sheila had a fine 1991-92 season and enjoyed an outstanding championship game vs. Northampton. Sheila was honored at the Annual Basketball Banquet at the Polish Club on March 22nd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

that Coop also enjoys. Locally, you can find his lookalike on Channel 57 every weekday morning and evening.

The program is called *Sesame Street*, and the character is Ernie. If you put an "E" on Mike Cooper's chest instead of the "A" that he normally wears, you'd be looking for Bert and the Cookie Monster in the stands!

He's also the kind of kid who would not be bothered in the least by the previous paragraph. He's as well-adjusted, good-natured, and confident as a high schooler can be these days.

He's accomplished a lot on the wrestling mats these past several years at Agawam High, and the trip to Pittsburgh will be his final hurrah. Coach Phil Tomkiel and I will be on hand to lend support to this phenomenal little athlete.

At the season-ending Wrestling Banquet, Cooper was given a significant contribution by the Booster Club. The trip is scheduled for April 2nd through 5th.

Anyone interested in pledging additional support can call me (Bob Johnson) at Action Resume, 788-9990, on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

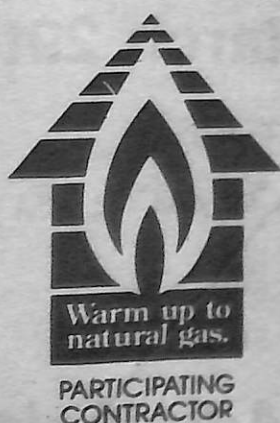
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## AHS Wrestlers Deserve A Little Poetic Justice!

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

*With this teacher, you don't bring an apple  
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He'll yell and scream, be heard all over the gym  
You have to be tough to wrestle for him.*

*Tomkiel's the name, he's been around for years  
He's risen to the top, exceeding all of his peers  
Small in stature, long on tradition and pride  
Going to war, you want him on your side.*

*Non-stop practices are grueling and tough  
No need to be a genius to learn this stuff  
The kids bust their butts day after day  
And they're always ready when they enter the fray.*

*If you pay your dues, you get your chance  
On Wednesdays and Saturdays, it's time to dance  
This is not a program that relies on luck  
When it's one on one, you can't pass the buck.*

*They spend all winter in tip-top shape  
And whip everyone from Pittsfield to the Cape  
They blaze through the West like a hot knife  
through butter  
When the opponents see Orange they tend to  
shudder.*

*For six years running, they won the Western Mass  
crown  
This year was special when they took Central  
down  
Losing a dual meet in February cast some doubt  
But a sixty point pasting knocked the Eagles out.*

*The team is cheered on by thousands of fans  
They come every time and fill up the stands  
A passionate group, they know every move  
To them, this fine team has nothing to prove.*

*But, they set their sights skyward year after year  
They stay completely focused showing no fear  
The top of the mountain was reached in Eighty  
Eight  
They were crowned as the very best in the whole  
damn State.*

*Ever since that time, they've wanted another  
Trying to win for Dad, Sis, Mother and Brother  
For the last three years, they've led it wire to wire  
Only to lose in the end which serves only to  
inspire.*

*"Wait 'til next year" is the cry when the tears go  
away  
Because it is then that Agawam will have their day  
I tell you right now, I'm sure it will happen  
Nineteen ninety three will be the time for  
backslappin'!*

## Hockey Banquet Honors AHS Skaters



THE AGAWAM HIGH HOCKEY PARENTS honored members of the 1991-92 varsity and junior varsity hockey teams at the Annual Hockey Banquet held at Casa Di Lisa Ristorante in Feeding Hills on March 22nd. IN TOP PHOTO, pictured are Coach Mike LaZazzera, captains Kevin Fleury, Jeff Perreault, and Craig Waryasz, and assistant Coach Dave Stratton. IN PHOTO BELOW, pictures are the graduating seniors - Kevin Chrisanthopolous, Sean Wandrei, Kevin Fleury, Scott Bracci, Bob Peloquin, Craig Waryasz, and Jeff Perreault. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## Bob Johnson On Sports...

# Obviously, Mr. Bird Still Has Plenty Left!!!

by Bob Johnson

Advertiser News Sports Editor

Thirteen years ago I received a manila envelope in the mail that was postmarked from Kansas City, Kansas. I smiled because I knew it came from a good friend who was totally engrossed in his new hobby of photography.

Over the past six months, he had mailed me photos of pretty girls, motorcycle gangs, trees, and everything under the sun. But, on this day, his shutter magic included a photo of a strawberry blond basketball player in a pale blue uniform.

I remember thinking that he looked kind of dorky. He looked a little awkward. And, all he was doing was setting up for a rebound. I didn't really understand why my non-sports-minded friend was even in the arena, much less spending me this less-than-action-filled frame of film.

Of course, that strawberry blond has turned out to be one of my guiding lights over the years because he was indeed Larry Joe Bird of French Lick, Indiana.

### "Hick From French Lick"

My buddy had gotten engrossed to some degree with the Midwestern sportswriters taking about "The Hick from French Lick" and he later learned that Red Auerbach had drafted Larry prior to his actual eligibility. My pal knew that I would have heard about the Celtic selection of Bird so he decided to "treat" me to the photo.

All these years later, I have grown old with my buddy and with Mr. Bird. There was a few years when I was on the Celtic beat that I had the chance to speak with Larry at length regarding many topics.

It wasn't always just basketball we spoke - although that certainly ate up the lion's share of our time together. Bird's conversation ran from childhood, softball, family life, what he drove, and where he went in his spare time.

He was shy originally and then he graduated to a media orchestrator. Larry talked unabashedly about what he was thinking. My all-time favorite was when he was talking about money. "I don't know much about money, but I do know that the Good Lord wanted me to have a lot of it." Nobody in the room mistook that for being cocky. It was just something that Larry said.

### Have Turned 35

Now, last December, Larry and I both became

eligible to run for president. Both of us turned 35. The difference is that Larry could probably win if he ran.

It has intrigued me over the past three seasons that the media has no difficulty talking about his shortcomings. As the superstar of the Celtics has slipped, so has the team. They dropped into second tier and then (in his absence), they almost fell to the middle of the pack.

I don't mind telling you there were several times in the past two years I feared I would never see him play again. I can't be alone in my thinking. I was so happy that I "taped" a couple of games in 1986 and 1987 for my son to watch in future years.

The fact that he has come back and has done so well has done me a world of good. He is the first superstar athlete that I followed that was on par with me age-wise. I mean even when Magic got sick and had to quite, I started to do the math age-wise.

It bothered me a lot when I realized my first hero, Yaz, had turned 50 a few years back. But at least I realized I was a little tiny kid when I first started rooting for him. How about Ted Williams turning 70? Those I could handle.

### Time Is Slipping By

My wise-guy next door neighbor was insisting that I was middle-aged last year when I turned 34. It had never occurred to me before that. Time has a way of slipping by.

The only solace that I had was the fact that Bird was 34 at the time, too. But when he got hurt again...it was time to wonder again.

So let me join with many of you in rooting for him to have two or three more pain-free seasons. Not for the Celtics and not really for himself - but for us.

The "Portland Performance" on Sunday, March 14th made me realize there is still a lot more than "just showing up" left in Larry. And, hopefully, that is true with me.

I take solace in the fact that Dave Winfield is 41 years-old. Others like Brian Dowling, Willie Randolph, and Nolan Ryan (and who can forget George Blanda) help me out, too. But, it will be Larry that will tell me when it is time for my mid-life crisis.

Hang in there, buddy....

## Fitness First Helping Kids' Miracle Network

The 6th Annual Children's Miracle Network Racquetball Tournament and Aerobathon will be held March 27th to 29th at Fitness First Health & Racquet Club, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The tournament will feature matches in five divisions: A, B, C, and novice, with cash prizes awarded in the open division.

The entry fee is \$40 for the first event and \$20 for the second event. Every player will receive a tournament package which includes a t-shirt and other gifts (lunch and dinner on Saturday, 28th).

Anyone may participate in the first two hours of the Aerobathon (with a minimum of \$10 in pledges). The final hour (from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.) will be an exclusive "Sponsor A Step" segment that features the most popular new aerobic craze, "Step Aerobics." You may sponsor a step with a minimum of \$100 in pledges.

Several prizes will be awarded for the Aerobathon, including a one year's free membership (that will be awarded to the participant who obtains the most collected pledges). Aerobic outfits and sneakers will be awarded to a male and female participant in various categories.

All proceeds from the tournament and the Aerobathon will be donated to the Children's Miracle Network to support children's health care services at BayState Medical Center.

For more information, call the Children's Miracle Network at 784-4111 or Fitness First at 786-1460.

## Old-Timer Ray Cammissa Still Can Play Racquetball!

On Saturday, March 7th, Ray Cammissa, age 44, was challenged to racquetball by his stepson, Mark Voislow, age 23, and a friend, Scott Henderson, age 25.

After Ray beat them three straight games of cuthroat, Mark and Scott proposed a game with Ray being one team against Scott and Mark. Ray took the challenge and won 15 to 7.

Ray later said Mark and Scott took the loss well: "I guess being Red Sox fans, they're used to not winning the big games."



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## Sports A La Carte...

## UMass Rolls Into Regional Semifinals

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

UMASS certainly didn't write any checks that they couldn't cover, did they? Wow, what an incredible run.

I believe that they can easily run with Kentucky; I think that they can do a lot of damage inside. It will probably come down to the shooting percentage for the Wildcats from three-point range.

If it's moderate or high, the 'Cats will win; if it is in the 20 percentile or low 30's, I believe UMass will be opposite Duke in the Great Eight...

Some say that the Bruins' coach, RICK BONAS, had his job saved when the B's reached down for four in the third to drop lowly San Jose the other night...

I wonder if JAMES B. ORTHWEIN will be issuing the Patriots any free razors like his predecessor did. I guess he bought VICTOR KIAM'S 51 percent last week.

I hope that saga is over. He was really starting to act STEINBRENNERISH and was really beginning to annoy me. Coach DICK MACPHERSON brought some life and unity to that team a year ago, and they were becoming fun again. Klam was nothing more than a sideshow in a suit...

Weird or what? Maybe some of you gamblers knew this, but when that kid for Georgia Tech dropped that miracle three to beat USC Saturday night, he made the game a push.

TRAVIS BEST and his Yellow Jackets were favored by one point in that game. Hmmm...

JIM COURIER sure didn't look much like the best tennis player in the world in Key Biscayne last weekend. MICHAEL CHANG dispatched him easily in straight sets...

Here are the Rangers all dressed up and ready

to win a Stanley Cup and, by the time you are reading this, there might be a hollow ending to the hockey season.

Those guys are vastly undercompensated when stacked up against the rest of the professional sports teams, but they have to use their heads, too. This is not the time to strike; Mr. America MiddleClass will have no sympathy, especially on the heels of some of those baseball signings.

Don't fool yourself. People will lump all the pro athletes into one group, and the hockey players will wind up paying for it...

HAL NEWHOUSER just sounds like a Hall of Fame name, doesn't it? The 71 year-old pitcher of days gone by finally got voted into Cooperstown by the Veteran's Committee.

It will be a beautiful thing because his 95 year-old mother plans on attending the festivities...

Add me to the list of people that will say, "I wish they would bring back the replay rule" at least 10 times next season in the NFL.

I remember that I was all in favor when it came in, but I must admit, I was a rather harsh critic of it over the past two years...

Call me a fool, but I sure believe every word that comes out of JERRY TARKANIAN'S mouth. I think that he got jobbed at Vegas. I may just be getting victimized by an ultra-cool con artist, but I for one don't think so.

The kids loved to play for the man and he had a fantastic record. I would look for him in the NBA next season...

SEE A LA CARTE - Page 44...

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The Agawam Revolver Club, Inc. will sponsor a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) benefit pistol match on March 29th.

The centerfire steel plate match begins at 9:00 a.m. at the club's indoor range at 234 Southwick Street (Route 57) in Feeding Hills. Shooters will be competing for trophies in the centerfire revolver and open classes, as well as the .22 caliber rimfire open class—with proceeds going to the Agawam Police D.A.R.E. program.

The entrance fee is \$6 per class, and the match is open to all safe shooters.

The D.A.R.E. program is taught in public schools by local law enforcement officers who have completed the D.A.R.E. instructor's course. Students are taught the dangers of drug abuse and how to resist the associated peer pressure.

For additional information, contact Doug Davidson at 786-6228.

## Mawaga Sporting Club To Open 1992 Fishing Season

The 1992 fishing season is soon approaching and looks to be better than ever.

The Mawaga Sporting Club's annual Lunker Derby will start things off with a bang! The derby will be held on Sunday, March 29th, starting at 9:00 a.m. and will continue until 1:00 p.m.

Breakfast is included with the donation of \$15 per ticket, so come down for a good time of fishing.

Also, there will be two club member derbies—the first being on April 26th, and the second being on October 4th. Come and enjoy the fun and prizes.

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## Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



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The class is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on both days; attendance at both classes is mandatory for certification. There will be a written and practical test. New members wishing to join the club must first take this course.

The cost of the course is \$60. All ammunition, firearms, study material, and handouts are included in this price. Students must provide their own eye and ear protection.

No one under 18 years of age will be admitted to the class without a parent or guardian also taking the class. For further information and applying for an application, you may contact Mark Polirer at 786-8239.

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The Mawaga Sporting Club, Inc. is holding its

Lunker Derby on Sunday, March 29th, at its club pond.

The largest fish caught will bring the lucky angler \$125, with two other prizes available for second and third place. The cost to register is \$15, which entitles you to fish and a breakfast before the opening of the derby. The derby will commence at 9:00 a.m.

Wayne Harrington, chairman, and his committee of Mitchel Bulat, Paul Smith, John Larese, Pete Anton, John Ferioli, John Pelletier, Russ Stenson, Claude Talbot, Terry Letellier, Woody Roberts, Mike Roberts, Henry Camyre, and Steve Roberts, will be on hand to see that the derby runs very smoothly and to solve your problems (if you have any).

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### JUDGE REJECTS SUIT AGAINST BOARD

The suit against the Fisheries and Wildlife Board, filed by the Animal Legal Defense Fund, Fund for Animals, Karen Bunting, Dorothy Checchi-O'Brien, and Scott Van Valkenburg, was ruled out of order last Friday by Judge Margot Botsford.

Judge Botsford further found that the Board, as it is presently constituted, meets the requirements of state law and is constitutional.

Director Wayne MacCallum stated, "It is just unfortunate that we have been forced to spend scarce dollars to rebut frivolous suits.

"Wildlife would have been better served had the animal rights groups focussed their efforts on the conservation of wildlife habitat rather than forcing the Commonwealth into unnecessary litigation."

doesn't look so great after all. It's all on BYRON HOUSTON'S shoulders now, as Oklahoma State has to carry the load for the conference.

The ACC and the Big Ten have stepped up as the power leagues this post-season. The Big East has only one, and oh by the way, the A-10 has one left in there, too...

VIN SCULLY has always had a way with words. How about this gem: "It's a mere moment in a man's life between an All-Star game and an old-timers' game..."

### A LA CARTE - from Page 43...

Loved those UTEP guards in the upset over Kansas. That kid named RIVERA was "in charge" of the game. He was a fine ballhandler playing with his head up, and it was tightly screwed on.

I didn't see the whole game, but I never saw him turn it over...

With Kansas' departure, along with Oklahoma, Nebraska, Iowa State, and so on, that Big Eight

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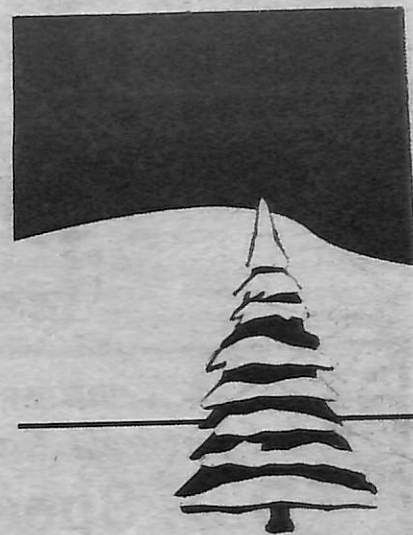
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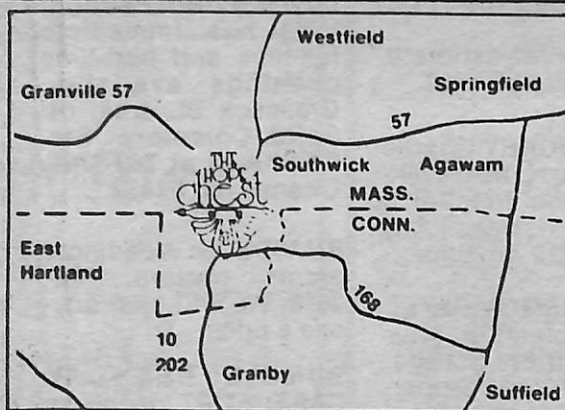
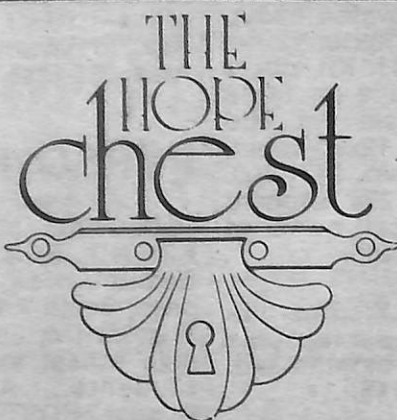
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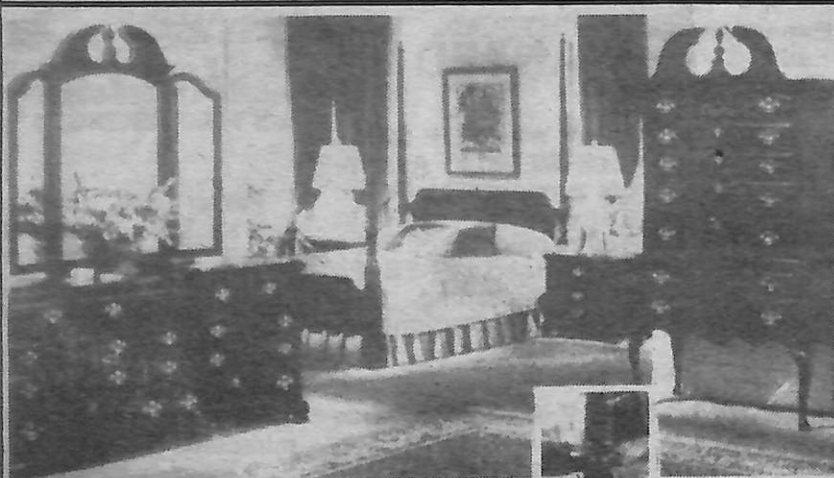




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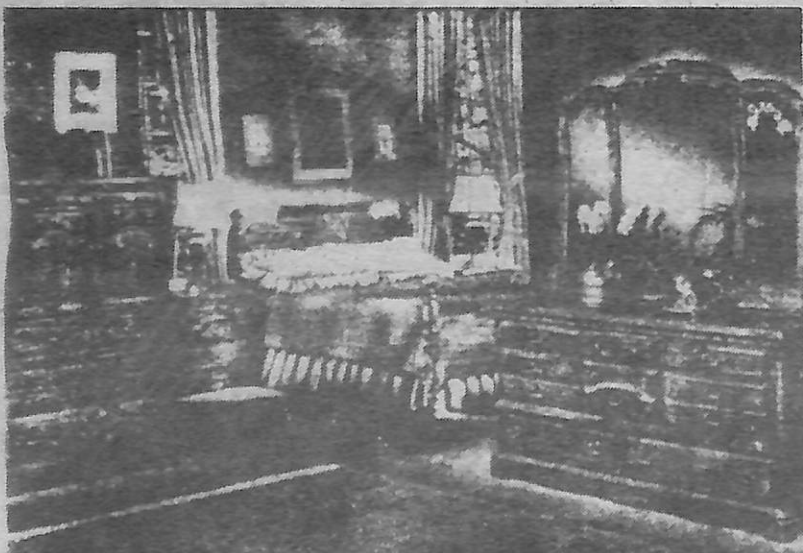


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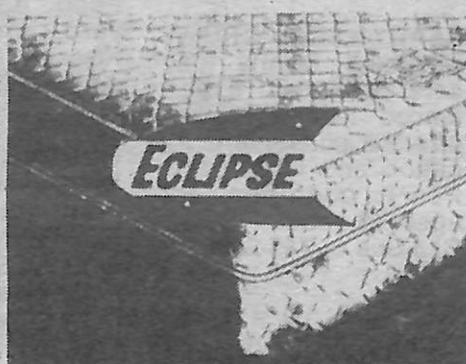


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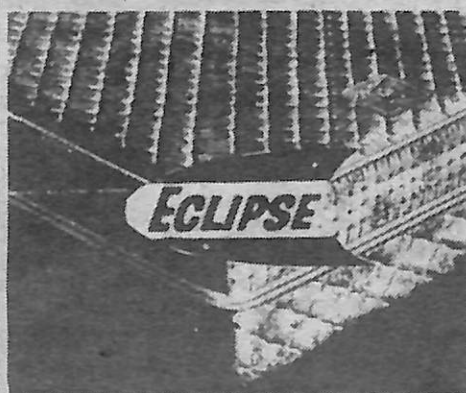
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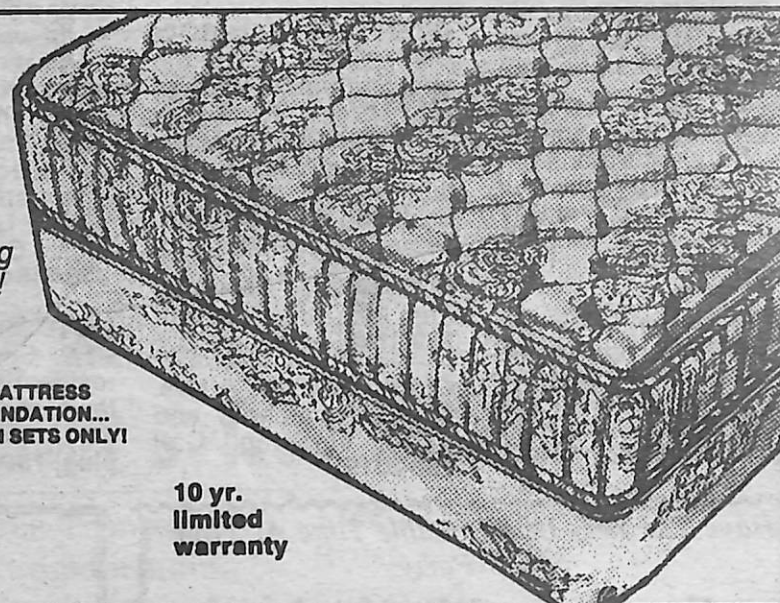
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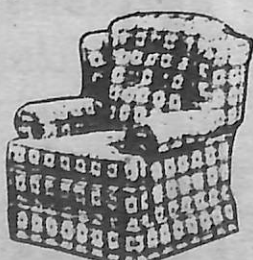
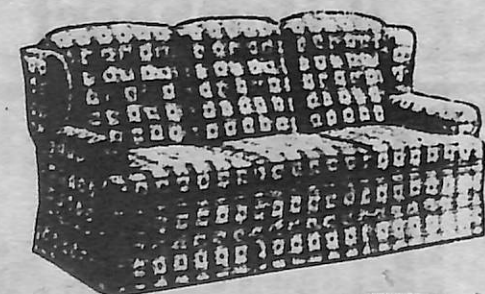
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